

# Equivalence

Given  $P, Q$  the statement  $P \Leftrightarrow Q$   
(read: " $P$  if and only if  $Q$ "  
" $P$  iff  $Q$ ")

is true if and only if  $P, Q$  have  
same truth value.

$P$	$Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

- ①  $1+1=2 \Leftrightarrow 2+2=4 \quad \cup (T)$
- ②  $1+1=3 \Leftrightarrow 2+2=5 \quad \cup (F)$
- ③  $1+1=2 \Leftrightarrow 2+2=5 \quad \cup (F)$
- ④  $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(x \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x = y^2)) \quad \cup (T)$

↳ Why: for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$   
the statements " $x \geq 0$ "  
and " $(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x = y^2)$ "  
are either  
both true  
or both false

Def'n Statements  $P, Q$  are logically equivalent  
iff  $P \Leftrightarrow Q \cup$  true.

↳ e.g.  $1+1=2$  and  $2+2=4$  are logic. equiv.

↳ more interested in logically equivalent forms for connected statements, esp. negated statements.

## Negation of Quantified Statements

- Sps  $P(x)$  is a var prop'n and  $S$  is a ~~non~~ nonempty set.
- Consider the negated statements

- ①  $\neg(\forall x \in S) P(x)$
- ②  $\neg(\exists x \in S) P(x)$

Observe. ① is true iff there is  $x \in S$  s.t.  $P(x)$  is false, i.e. iff

$$(\exists x \in S) \neg P(x)$$

is true.

② is true iff for every  $x \in S$ ,  $\neg P(x)$  is true, i.e. iff

$$(\forall x \in S) \neg P(x) \text{ is true.}$$

more succinctly, we have that

$$\neg(\forall x \in S) P(x) \Leftrightarrow (\exists x \in S) \neg P(x)$$

is true (i.e.  $\neg(\forall x \in S) P(x)$  and  $(\exists x \in S) \neg P(x)$  are logically equiv.)

and similarly

$$\neg(\exists x \in S) P(x) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x \in S) \neg P(x)$$

is true.

Ex's ①  $\neg(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(x \in \mathbb{N})$   
 is equiv to  $(\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) \neg(x \in \mathbb{N})$

"not all reals are naturals"

"there is a real which is not a natural."

↳ can write  $\neg(x \in \mathbb{N})$  as  $x \notin \mathbb{N}$   
 similarly can write  $\neg(x = y)$  as  $x \neq y$

②  $\neg(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(x \in \mathbb{N}) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(x \notin \mathbb{N})$   
 is true (because both indiv. statements are false)

"There is no real which is a natural"

"every real is not a natural."

③ For multiple quantifiers: just iterate process.

$\neg(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(xy = 1)$

"not every real has a multiplicative inverse."

↳  $(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R}) \neg(xy = 1)$

↳  $(\exists x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(xy \neq 1)$

"There is a real that has no inverse"

these are all true since  $\mathbb{R}$  has no inverse.

# Negating connected statements

Theorem. For any statements P, Q the following equivalences hold:

- ①  $\neg\neg P \Leftrightarrow P$
- ②  $\neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee \neg Q$
- ③  $\neg(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg P \wedge \neg Q$

to prove these equivalences, use truth tables

PF. ①

P	$\neg P$	$\neg\neg P$	$\neg\neg P \Leftrightarrow P$
T	F	T	T
F	T	F	T

↙ always true ↘

②

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

$\neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee \neg Q)$
T
T
T
T

✓

③ similar

② and ③ are called De Morgan's Laws for logic.

### Ex's

$$\textcircled{1} \neg \neg (1+1=2)$$

is equiv. to  
 $1+1=2$

(both true)

$$\textcircled{2} \neg (1+1=2 \wedge 1+1=3)$$

is equiv to  
 ~~$\neg (1+1=2) \vee \neg (1+1=3)$~~

(both true)

$$\neg (1+1=2) \vee \neg (1+1=3)$$

↪ can write as  $1+1 \neq 2 \vee 1+1 \neq 3$

$$\textcircled{3} \neg (1+1=2 \vee 1+1=3)$$

is equiv to  
 $1+1 \neq 2 \wedge 1+1 \neq 3$

(false)

$$\textcircled{4} (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) \neg (x < 0 \wedge (\exists y \in \mathbb{R}) (y^2 = x))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) [\neg (x < 0) \vee \neg (\exists y \in \mathbb{R}) (y^2 = x)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) [(x \geq 0) \vee (\forall y \in \mathbb{R}) (y^2 \neq x)]$$

(true)

Other useful logical equivalences

Thm: the following equivalency hold:

- ①  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q)$
- ②  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P)$
- ③  $(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q \wedge Q \Rightarrow P)$

We'll use these in proofs!

PF: ① and ②:

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

$(P \Rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q)$	$(P \Rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P)$
T	T
F	F
T	T
T	T

③ Try it.

Thm: the following equivalencies hold.

- ①  $\neg(P \Rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \neg Q)$
- ②  $\neg(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow [(P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q)]$

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Pf: Instead of a table, we can use our previous equivalences.

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \neg(P \Rightarrow Q) &\Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg P \vee Q) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg\neg P \wedge \neg Q \\ &\Leftrightarrow P \wedge \neg Q \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

transitivity of  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad \neg(P \Leftrightarrow Q) &\Leftrightarrow \neg[P \Rightarrow Q \wedge Q \Rightarrow P] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg[(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg Q \vee P)] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg P \vee Q) \vee \neg(\neg Q \vee P) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg\neg Q \wedge \neg P) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (Q \wedge \neg P) \end{aligned}$$

Ex's: Let  $E, O, P$  denote the sets of even, odd, and prime positive integers, resp.

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad 5 \in O &\Rightarrow 6 \in E \\ &\text{is equiv to} \\ \neg(5 \in O) &\vee 6 \in E \\ &\text{which we can write} \\ 5 \notin O &\vee 6 \in E \quad (\text{True}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad (\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) & (x \in O \Rightarrow x+1 \in E) \\ & \text{equiv to} \\ (\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) & (x \notin O \vee x+1 \in E) \\ & \text{equiv to} \\ (\forall x \in \mathbb{N}) & (x+1 \notin E \Rightarrow x \notin O) \quad (\text{True}) \end{aligned}$$

$$(3) (\forall x \in \mathbb{N})(x \in P \Leftrightarrow x \in O)$$

$$\text{is equiv. to } (\forall x \in \mathbb{N})[(x \in P \Rightarrow x \in O) \wedge (x \in O \Rightarrow x \in P)]$$

(False)

(4) Consider the (true) statement

$$(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) [(x \geq 0) \Leftrightarrow (\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x = y^2)]$$

Let's find its logical negation in positive form:

$$\begin{aligned} & \neg (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) [(x \geq 0) \Leftrightarrow (\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x = y^2)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) \neg [(x \geq 0) \Leftrightarrow (\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x = y^2)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) [((x \geq 0) \wedge \neg (\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x = y^2)) \vee \\ & ((x < 0) \wedge (\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x = y^2))] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\exists x \in \mathbb{R}) [((x \geq 0) \wedge (\forall y \in \mathbb{R})(x \neq y^2)) \vee \\ & ((x < 0) \wedge (\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(x = y^2))] \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Def'n A statement  $P$  is in positive form if any negation symbols in  $P$  occur next to substatements that contain no connectives or quantifiers

↳ rules above allow you to find  $\neg P$  or any  $P$ , a logically equivalent  $P'$  in positive form.

Thm (Associative + distributive laws)  
The following equivalences hold:

$$(1) (P \wedge Q) \wedge R \Leftrightarrow P \wedge (Q \wedge R)$$

$$(2) (P \vee Q) \vee R \Leftrightarrow P \vee (Q \vee R)$$

$$(3) P \wedge (Q \vee R) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$$

$$(4) P \vee (Q \wedge R) \Leftrightarrow (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$$

For proofs see 4.6.3 and 4.6.4  
in textbook.

Proving equality of sets using  $\Leftrightarrow$ 's

- there is a strong analogy  
between logical connectives and  
set operators introduced in ch. 7

<u>Connective</u>	<u>Operation</u>
$P \wedge Q$	$A \cap B$
$P \vee Q$	$A \cup B$
$P \Rightarrow Q$	$A \subseteq B$
$P \Leftrightarrow Q$	$A = B$
$\neg P$	$A^c$

- analogy gives us a new  
way of proving equality of two  
sets, by a string of  $\Leftrightarrow$ 's.

Theorem Suppose  $A, B$  are sets  
and  $U$  is a universal set with  
 $A, B \subseteq U$ .

Then we have:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \overline{\overline{A}} = A$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

looks like:

$$\neg \neg P \Leftrightarrow P$$

$$\neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee \neg Q$$

$$\neg(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

PF:  $\textcircled{1}$  Fix  $x \in U$   $\leftarrow$  not in  $A$  or  $\overline{A}$ !!

$$\text{then } x \in \overline{A} \Leftrightarrow x \notin A$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(x \in A)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg(x \in A))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in A$$

def'n of complement

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$$\neg \neg P \Leftrightarrow P$$

this chain of equivalences shows  
 $x \in \overline{A} \Leftrightarrow x \in A$

i.e.

$$x \in \overline{A} \Rightarrow x \in A$$

$$(\overline{A} \subseteq A)$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{and}}} \quad x \in A \Rightarrow x \in \overline{A}$$

$$(A \subseteq \overline{A})$$

hence we've proved  $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$ .  $\checkmark$

$\textcircled{2}$  Fix  $x \in U$

$$\text{then } x \in \overline{A \cap B} \Leftrightarrow x \notin A \cap B$$

def'n of comp

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(x \in A \cap B)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(x \in A \wedge x \in B)$$

def'n of  $\neg$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(x \in A) \vee \neg(x \in B)$$

De Morgan

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in \overline{A} \vee x \in \overline{B}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

③ Similar

Exercise: Use the distributive law  $P \wedge (Q \vee R) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$  to prove:

Theorem For any sets A, B, C we have

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

# Proof writing

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Two approaches: - when trying to prove a statement  $P$ , can either prove  $P$  directly, or assume  $\neg P$  and derive a contradiction (i.e. prove  $\neg P$ )

- more generally: can prove any statement logically equiv. to  $P$ , or disprove any statement logically equiv. to  $\neg P$ .

## Existence Proofs

General form  $(\exists x \in S) P(x)$

Direct Proof strategy: define an  $x \in S$  and prove  $P(x)$  holds.

Ex ① Prop'n There is an even number that can be written as the sum of two primes in two distinct ways

$$\begin{aligned} 24 &= 19 + 5 \\ &= 17 + 7 \end{aligned}$$

PF: - Consider  $n = 10$ .  
- Then  $n$  is even and we have  $n = 5 + 5$  and  $n = 7 + 3$   
- since 3, 5, 7 are primes the prop'n is proved.

note:  $n = 24 = 19 + 5 = 17 + 7$  works too..

Indirect Proof Strategy:

- Assume  $\neg (\exists x \in S) P(x)$
- and derive a contradiction
- equivalently, assume  $(\forall x \in S) \neg P(x)$
- and get a contradiction

Ex 2 Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
Then at least one of  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  is  
at least as large as their average.

That is:

$$(\exists k \in [n]) (a_k \geq \frac{1}{n} (a_1 + \dots + a_n))$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$$

Secretly  
& unwisely  
claim.  
We focus  
on  
existential  
part.

PF. - Suppose not, toward a  
contradiction

- that is: Suppose that

$$(\forall k \in [n]) (a_k < \frac{1}{n} (a_1 + \dots + a_n))$$

- For simplicity let  $S = a_1 + \dots + a_n$
- our assumption is, for every  
 $k \in [n]$  we have  
 $a_k < S/n$

~~and then we have~~

But then we have

$$S = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$$

$$< \frac{S}{n} + \frac{S}{n} + \dots + \frac{S}{n}$$

by our assumption

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$$\begin{aligned} &= n \left( \frac{s}{n} \right) \\ &= s \end{aligned}$$

- This shows  $s < s$ , a contradiction
- Thus our assumption was false, and hence the prop'n must be true. ✓

## Universal Proofs

General Form:  $(\forall x \in S) P(x)$

Direct Strategy:

- let  $x \in S$  be arbitrary but fixed
- Prove  $P(x)$  holds

Ex ① Prop'n  $(\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}) (xy \leq \left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^2)$

PF: - Fix  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- Since squares are always non-negative we have

$$0 \leq (x-y)^2$$

- hence

$$0 \leq x^2 - 2xy + y^2$$

- hence

$$2xy \leq x^2 + y^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } xy \leq \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}$$

- Since  $x, y$  were arbitrary the prop'n is proved.

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Note: Prop'n is one version of "AMGM" inequality

↳ arithmetic mean <sup>(AM)</sup> of  $x, y$  is  $\frac{x+y}{2}$

↳ geometric mean <sup>(GM)</sup> of  $x, y$  is  $\sqrt{xy}$   $\geq 0$

prop'n gives for  $x, y \geq 0$

$$\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x+y}{2}$$

i.e. GM  $\leq$  AM.

Indirect Proof:

- Assume  $\neg (\forall x \in S) P(x)$

(i.e.  $\exists x \in S) \neg P(x)$ )

and get a contradiction

Ex ② Prop'n  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational,  
that is,  
~~more~~  $(\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}) (\frac{a}{b} \neq \sqrt{2})$

PF: - Suppose not, that is, suppose  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$\frac{a}{b} = \sqrt{2}$$

- We may assume  $\frac{a}{b}$  is in reduced form, i.e.  $a$  and  $b$  have no common factors since if they do we can cancel and get a fraction in reduced form.