

## CS 441 Discrete Mathematics for CS

### Lecture 3

# Propositional logic

## Equivalences

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## Propositional logic: review

- **Propositional logic:** a formal language for making logical inferences
- A **proposition** is a statement that is either true or false.
- A **compound proposition** can be created from other propositions using logical connectives
- **The truth of a compound proposition** is defined by truth values of elementary propositions and the meaning of connectives.
- **The truth table for a compound proposition:** table with entries (rows) for all possible combinations of truth values of elementary propositions.

## Translation

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**Parse:**

- **If** ( you are older than 13 or you are with your parents ) **then** ( you can attend a PG-13 movie)
  - A= you are older than 13
  - B= you are with your parents
  - C=you can attend a PG-13 movie
- **Translation:**  $A \vee B \rightarrow C$
- **Why do we want to do this?**
- **Inference:** Assume I know that  $A \vee B \rightarrow C$  is a correct statement and both A and B are true. Then we can conclude that C is true as well.

## Computer representation of True and False

- We need to encode two values **True and False**:
  - use a **bit**
  - a bit represents two possible values:
    - 0 (False) or 1(True)
- A variable that takes on values 0 or 1 is called a **Boolean variable**.
- **Definition:** A **bit string** is a sequence of zero or more bits. The **length** of this string is the number of bits in the string.

## Bitwise operations

- T and F replaced with 1 and 0

p	q	$p \vee q$	$p \wedge q$
1	1	1	1
1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0
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p	$\neg p$
1	0
0	1

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- **Equivalent statements** are important for logical reasoning since they can be substituted and can help us to make a logical argument.



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## Important logical equivalences

- Identity

- $p \wedge T \Leftrightarrow p$
- $p \vee F \Leftrightarrow p$

- Domination

- $p \vee T \Leftrightarrow T$
- $p \wedge F \Leftrightarrow F$

- Idempotent

- $p \vee p \Leftrightarrow p$
- $p \wedge p \Leftrightarrow p$

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- Double negation

- $\neg(\neg p) \Leftrightarrow p$

- Commutative

- $p \vee q \Leftrightarrow q \vee p$
- $p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow q \wedge p$

- Associative

- $(p \vee q) \vee r \Leftrightarrow p \vee (q \vee r)$
- $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \Leftrightarrow p \wedge (q \wedge r)$

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- **Distributive**

- $p \vee (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
- $p \wedge (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$

- **De Morgan**

- $\neg(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q$
- $\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$

- **Other useful equivalences**

- $p \vee \neg p \Leftrightarrow T$
- $p \wedge \neg p \Leftrightarrow F$
- $p \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee q)$

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- **Equivalences can be used in proofs.** A proposition or its part can be transformed using equivalences and some conclusion can be reached.

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- Alternative proof:

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**End of proof**