

Section 3.2

Week 3

Defn: A truth table is a device used to determine when a compound statement is true or false.

I. Negation

Recall that if  $p$  is a true statement, then "not  $p$ " is a false statement.

if  $p$  is a false statement, then "not  $p$ " is a true statement.

Negation	$p$	$\sim p$
case 1	T	F
case 2	F	T

II. Conjunction

To illustrate the conjunction, consider the following situation:

The salesperson promises that carpet will be delivered on Thursday

and furniture will be delivered on Friday.

Let  $p$ : carpet will be delivered on Thursday

$q$ : furniture will be delivered on Friday.

	$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$
Case 1	T	T	T
Case 2	T	F	F
Case 3	F	T	F
Case 4	F	F	F

- carpet delivered on Thu and furniture delivered on Fri
- carpet delivered on Thu but furniture not delivered on Fri
- carpet not delivered on Thu but furniture delivered on Fri
- carpet not delivered on Thu and furniture not delivered on Fri

the statement  $p \wedge q$  is true only when both  $p$  &  $q$  are true

Example: construct a truth table for  $p \wedge \sim q$

$p$	$q$	$p \wedge \sim q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	F
F	F	F

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Example: construct a truth table for the statement:

It is false that Wanda Garner is the president and that Judy Ackerman is the treasurer.

Let  $p$ : Wanda Garner is the president.

$q$ : Judy Ackerman is the treasurer.

$\sim(p \wedge q)$ : It is false that Wanda Garner is the president and Judy A is the treasurer.

$p$	$q$	$\sim(p \wedge q)$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	T

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a) Under what condition is the compound statement false?

When both  $p$  &  $q$  are true.

### III. Disjunction

To illustrate disjunction, consider the following situation

Requirement for a job is a two-year college degree or 5 years of related experience.

Let  $p$ : 2-year college degree

$q$ : 5 years of related experience.

$p$	$q$	$p \vee q$	
T	T	T	qualified
T	F	T	qualified
F	T	T	qualified
F	F	F	not qualified

The disjunction,  $p \vee q$  is false only when both  $p$  &  $q$  are false

Example: construct the truth table for  $\sim(p \vee \sim q)$

P	q	$\sim(p \vee \sim q)$			
T	T	F	T	T	F
T	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	F	F
F	F	F	F	T	T
		④	①	③	②

the statement  $\sim(p \vee \sim q)$  is true only when p is F & q is T

Example: construct the truth table for  $(p \wedge \sim q) \vee r$

P	q	r	$(p \wedge \sim q) \vee r$					
T	T	T	T	F	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	T	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
			①	③	②	⑤	④	

Example: Suppose you know the truth value of a compound statement for a specific case, we can do the following instead of working out the whole truth table.

p is F, q is T, r is T

$$(p \wedge \sim q) \vee r$$

$$(F \wedge \sim T) \vee T$$

$$F \vee T$$

$$T$$

I. Conditional

To see what the truth table for a conditional statement is, consider:

$p$ : You get an A

$q$ : I buy you a car.

$p \rightarrow q$ : If you get an A, then I buy you a car.

Assume this statement is true unless I broke my promise (ie buy you a car)

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T T T
T	F	T F F
F	T	F T T
F	F	F T F

① ③ ②

- you get an A & I buy you a car
- you get an A & I do not buy you a car
- you don't get an A & I buy you a car
- you don't get an A & I don't buy you a car

The conditional statement  $p \rightarrow q$  is true in every case except when  $p$  is T but  $q$  is false.

Example: Construct the truth table for  $(\sim p \vee q) \rightarrow \sim r$

$p$	$q$	$r$	$(\sim p \vee q) \rightarrow \sim r$
T	T	T	F T T F F
T	T	F	F T T T T
T	F	T	F F F T F
T	F	F	F F F T T
F	T	T	T T T F F
F	T	F	T T T T T
F	F	T	T T F F F
F	F	F	T T F T T

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II. Biconditional

The biconditional statement,  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , means  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $q \rightarrow p$ , ie  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$ . To determine the truth table for  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , we develop the one for  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$ :

P	q	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$						
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	F	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	T	F	T	F	T	F
		①	③	②	⑦	④	⑥	⑤

P	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

The biconditional statement  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , is true only when p and q have the same truth value, that is, when both are truth or both are false.

Example: construct a truth table for  $p \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow \sim r)$

P	q	r	$p \leftrightarrow (q \rightarrow \sim r)$				
T	T	T	T	F	T	F	F
T	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	F	F	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	F	T	F
F	F	F	F	F	F	T	T
			①	⑤	②	④	③

### III. Specific cases

To find the truth value of a compound statement for a specific case, we can do the following:

Ex: p is F, q is T, r is T

$$(\sim p \leftrightarrow q) \rightarrow (\sim q \leftrightarrow r)$$

$$(T \leftrightarrow T) \rightarrow (F \leftrightarrow T)$$

$$T \rightarrow F$$

$$F$$

Ex: p is T, q is F, r is F

$$(\sim p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\sim p \rightarrow r)$$

$$(F \rightarrow F) \leftrightarrow (F \rightarrow F)$$

$$T \leftrightarrow T$$

$$T$$

### IV. Self-contradictions, Tautologies, and Implications

Defn: • A self-contradiction is a compound statement that is always false

- A tautology is a compound statement that is always true
- An implication is a conditional statement that is a tautology.

Ex: 1)  $p \wedge (q \wedge \sim p)$

P	q	$p \wedge (q \wedge \sim p)$				
T	T	T	F	T	F	F
T	F	T	F	F	F	F
F	T	F	F	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	F	T
		①	②	③	④	⑤

It is a self-contradiction since the statement is always false.

2)  $(\sim q \rightarrow p) \vee \sim q$

P	q	$(\sim q \rightarrow p) \vee \sim q$
T	T	F T T T F
T	F	T T T T T
F	T	F T F T F
F	F	T F F T T
		① ④ ② ⑤ ③

Since the statement is always true, it is a tautology.

3)  $(q \wedge p) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$

P	q	$(q \wedge p) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$
T	T	T T T T T T T
T	F	F F T T T F F
F	T	T F F T F F T
F	F	F F F T F F F
		① ③ ② ⑦ ④ ⑥ ⑤

Since the conditional statement is always true (ie a tautology), it is an implication.