

# Mathematical Reasoning:

- A sentence is called a mathematically acceptable statement if it is either true or false but not both.
- A sentence is neither imperative nor interrogative nor exclamatory.
- A declarative sentence containing variables is an open statement if it becomes a statement when the variables are replaced by some definite values.
- A compound statement is a statement which is made up of two or more statements. Each of this statement is termed to be a compound statement.
- The compound statements are combined by the word “and” ( $\wedge$ ) the resulting statement is called a conjunction denoted as  $p \wedge q$ .
- The compound statement with “And” is true if all its component statements are true.
- The following truth table shows the truth values of  $p \wedge q$  ( $p$  and  $q$ ) and  $q \wedge p$  ( $q$  and  $p$ ):

Truth Table ( $p \vee q, q \vee p$ )			
$p$	$q$	$p \wedge q$	$q \wedge p$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	F	F
F	F	F	F

Rule:  $p \wedge q$  is true only when  $p$  and  $q$  are true

- Compound statements  $p$  and  $q$  are combined by the connective ‘OR’

( $\vee$ ) then the compound statement denoted as  $p \vee q$  so formed is called a disjunction.??

Truth Table ( $p \vee q, q \vee p$ )			
p	q	$p \vee q$	$q \vee p$
T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T
F	T	T	T
F	F	F	F

**Rule:  $p \vee q$  is false only when both p and q are false.**

- The denial of a statement is called the negation of the statement. The truth table for the same is given below:

Truth Table ( $\sim p$ )		
p	$\sim p$	$\sim(\sim p)$
T	F	T
F	T	F

**Rule:  $\sim$  is true only when p is false**

- Negation is not a binary operation, it is a unary operation i.e. a modifier.
- There are three types of implications:
  - “If ..... then”
  - “Only if”
  - “If and only if”
- “If .... then” type of compound statement is called conditional statement. The statement ‘if p then q’ is denoted by  $p \rightarrow q$  or by  $p \Rightarrow$

q.  $p \rightarrow q$  also means:

- p is sufficient for q
- q is necessary for p
- p only if q
- p leads to q
- q if p
- q when p
- if p then q
- Truth table for  $p \rightarrow q$

•

Truth Table ( $p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow p$ )			
p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F
F	F	T	T

Rule:  $p \rightarrow q$  is false only when p is true and q is false.

- If and only if type of compound statement is called biconditional or equivalence or double conditional. represented as  $p \Leftrightarrow q$  or  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , it means
- p is a necessary and sufficient condition for q
- q is a necessary and sufficient condition for p

q.  $p \rightarrow q$  also means:

- p is sufficient for q
- q is necessary for p
- p only if q
- p leads to q
- q if p
- q when p
- if p then q
- Truth table for  $p \rightarrow q$

•

Truth Table ( $p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow p$ )			
p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F
F	F	T	T

**Rule:  $p \rightarrow q$  is false only when p is true and q is false.**

- If and only if type of compound statement is called biconditional or equivalence or double conditional. represented as  $p \Leftrightarrow q$  or  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , it means
- p is a necessary and sufficient condition for q
- q is a necessary and sufficient condition for p

- If p then q and if q then p
- q if and only if p
- Truth table for  $p \leftrightarrow q$  or  $q \leftrightarrow p$

Truth Table ( $p \leftrightarrow q, q \leftrightarrow p$ )			
p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$	$q \leftrightarrow p$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	F	F
F	F	T	T

Rule:  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is true only when both p and q have the same truth value.

- Contrapositive of  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$ .
- Converse of  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $q \rightarrow p$ .
- Truth table for  $p \rightarrow q$

Truth Table ( $p \rightarrow q$ )				
p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$ (Contrapositive)	$q \leftrightarrow p$ (Converse)
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	F
F	F	T	T	T

- The compound statements which are true for any truth value of their components are called tautologies.
- Truth table for a tautology ' $p \vee \sim p$ ', p being a logical statement

Truth Table ( $p \vee \sim p$ )

p	$\sim p$	$p \vee \sim p$
T	F	T
F	T	T

- The negation of tautology is a fallacy or a contradiction. The truth table for ' $p \wedge \sim p$ ' which is fallacy?, p being a logical statement is given below

Truth Table ( $p \wedge \sim p$ )		
p	$\sim p$	$p \wedge \sim p$
T	F	F
F	T	F

- **Important points on tautology and fallacy:**
- $p \vee q$  is true iff at least one of p and q is true
- $p \wedge q$  is true iff both p and q are true
- A tautology is always true
- A fallacy is always false.
- **Statements satisfy the following laws:**
- **Idempotent Laws:** If p is any statement then  $p \vee p = p$  and  $p \wedge p = p$
- **Associative Laws:** If p, q, r are any three statements, then  $p \vee (q \vee r) = (p \vee q) \vee r$  and  $p \wedge (q \wedge r) = (p \wedge q) \wedge r$
- **Commutative Laws:** If p, q are any two statements, then  $p \vee q = q \vee p$  and  $p \wedge q = q \wedge p$
- **Distributive Laws:** If p, q, r are any three statements then  $p \wedge (q \vee r) = (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$

$$r) = (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r) \text{ and } p \vee (q \wedge r) = (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$$

- **Identity Laws:** If  $p$  is any statement,  $t$  is tautology and  $c$  is a contradiction, then  $p \vee t = t$ ,  $p \wedge t = p$ ,  $p \vee c = p$  and  $p \wedge c = c$
- **Complement Laws:** If  $t$  is tautology,  $c$  is a contradiction and  $p$  is any statement then  $p \vee (\sim p) = t$ ,  $p \wedge (\sim p) = c$ ,  $\sim t = c$  and  $\sim c = t$
- **Involution Law:** If  $p$  is any statement, then  $\sim(\sim p) = p$
- **De-Morgan's Law:** If  $p$  and  $q$  are two statements then  $\sim(p \vee q) = (\sim p) \wedge (\sim q)$  and  $\sim(p \wedge q) = (\sim p) \vee (\sim q)$