Warm Up Problem

Let t be a truth valuation, p and q propositional variables with $t(p)=\mathtt{T}$, and let α be a well-formed formula. Which of the following are written using the correct notation? What does the equality-type character mean on each line?

- 1. $\alpha = T$
- 2. $\alpha^t = T$
- 3. $\alpha^t \equiv T$
- 4. $(p \wedge q)^t = (T \wedge q)$
- 5. $(p \wedge q)^t \equiv (\mathsf{T} \wedge q^t)$
- 6. $(p \wedge q) = (q \wedge p)$
- 7. $(p \land q) \equiv (q \land p)$

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Propositional Logic: Semantics

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Outline for today

- How can we prove that two formulas have the same meaning? (Logical equivalence)
- Analyzing dead code.
- Circuit design.

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Learning goals

Logical equivalence of formulas:

- Prove that the logical equivalence of formulas using truth tables and/or logical identities.
- Describe strategies to prove logical equivalence using logical identities.
- Translate a condition in a block of code into a propositional logic formula.
- Simplify code using truth tables and logical identities.
- Determine whether a piece of code is live or dead using truth tables and logical identities.

Dead Code:

- Determine whether or not a specific line of code is reachable.
- Give examples of parameters that reach a specific line of code.

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Definition of logical equivalence

Two formulas α and β are logically equivalent if and only if they have the same value under any valuation.

- $\alpha^t = \beta^t$, for every valuation t.
- α and β must have the same final column in their truth tables.
- $(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$ is a tautology.

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Why do we care about logical equivalence?

- Will I lose marks if I provide a solution that is syntactically different but logically equivalent to the provided solution?
- Do these two circuits behave the same way?
- Do these two pieces of code fragments behave the same way?

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You already know one way of proving logical equivalent. What is it?

Theorem: $(((\neg p) \land q) \lor p) \equiv (p \lor q)$.

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Logical Identities

Commutativity

$$(\alpha \land \beta) \equiv (\beta \land \alpha)$$
$$(\alpha \lor \beta) \equiv (\beta \lor \alpha)$$

Associativity

$$(\alpha \land (\beta \land \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \land \beta) \land \gamma)$$
$$(\alpha \lor (\beta \lor \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \lor \beta) \lor \gamma)$$

Distributivity

$$(\alpha \lor (\beta \land \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \lor \beta) \land (\alpha \lor \gamma))$$
$$(\alpha \land (\beta \lor \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \land \beta) \lor (\alpha \land \gamma))$$

Idempotence

$$(\alpha \lor \alpha) \equiv \alpha$$
$$(\alpha \land \alpha) \equiv \alpha$$

Double Negation

$$(\neg(\neg\alpha)) \equiv \alpha$$

De Morgan's Laws

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{distributivity} & (\neg(\alpha \land \beta)) \equiv ((\neg\alpha) \lor (\neg\beta)) \\ (\alpha \lor (\beta \land \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \lor \beta) \land (\alpha \lor \gamma)) & (\neg(\alpha \lor \beta)) \equiv ((\neg\alpha) \land (\neg\beta)) \\ \end{array}$$

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Logical Identities, cont'd

Simplification I (Absorption)

$$(\alpha \wedge \mathtt{T}) \equiv \alpha$$

$$(\alpha \vee T) \equiv T$$

$$(\alpha \wedge \mathtt{F}) \equiv \mathtt{F}$$

$$(\alpha \vee F) \equiv \alpha$$

Simplification II

$$(\alpha \vee (\alpha \wedge \beta)) \equiv \alpha$$

$$(\alpha \wedge (\alpha \vee \beta)) \equiv \alpha$$

Implication

$$(\alpha \to \beta) \equiv ((\neg \alpha) \lor \beta)$$

Contrapositive

$$(\alpha \to \beta) \equiv ((\neg \beta) \to (\neg \alpha))$$

Equivalence

$$(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv \big((\alpha \to \beta) \land (\beta \to \alpha)\big)$$

Excluded Middle

$$(\alpha \vee (\neg \alpha)) \equiv T$$

Contradiction

$$(\alpha \wedge (\neg \alpha)) \equiv F$$

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A logical equivalence proof

Theorem: $(((\neg p) \land q) \lor p) \equiv (p \lor q)$.

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A logical equivalence proof

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$$(((\neg p) \land q) \lor p) \equiv (p \lor q)$$
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Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} &(((\neg p) \land q) \lor p) \\ &\equiv (((\neg p) \lor p) \land (q \lor p)) \\ &\equiv (\texttt{T} \land (q \lor p)) \\ &\equiv (q \lor p) \\ &\equiv (p \lor q) \end{aligned}$$

Distributivity

Excluded Middle

Simplification I

Commutativity



A practice problem

"If it is sunny, I will play golf, provided that I am relaxed."

s: it is sunny. g: I will play golf. r: I am relaxed.

A few translations:

- 1. $(s \rightarrow (r \rightarrow g))$
- 2. $(r \rightarrow (s \rightarrow g))$
- 3. $((s \land r) \rightarrow g)$

Theorem: All three translations are logically equivalent.

Proof: Done in class.

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How do you prove non-equivalence?

"If it snows then I won't go to class, but I will do my assignment."

s: it snows. c: I will go to class. a: I will do my assignment.

2 possible translations:

- 1. $((s \rightarrow (\neg c)) \land a)$
- 2. $(s \to ((\neg c) \land a))$

Theorem: $((s\to (\lnot c))\land a)$ and $(s\to ((\lnot c)\land a))$ are not logically equivalent.

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Theorem: $((s\to (\neg c))\land a)$ and $(s\to ((\neg c)\land a))$ are not logically equivalent.

Which valuation t can we use to prove this theorem?

- a. $s^t = F$, $(\neg c)^t = F$, $a^t = F$
- b. $s^t = F$, $(\neg c)^t = T$, $a^t = F$
- c. $s^t = T$, $(\neg c)^t = T$, $a^t = T$
- d. Two of these.
- e. All of these.

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Collected Wisdom

- Try getting rid of \rightarrow and \leftrightarrow .
- Try moving negations inward. $\neg(p \lor q) \equiv (\neg p) \land (\neg q)$.
- Work from the more complex side first, BUT
- Switch to different strategies/sides when you get stuck.
- In the end, write the proof in clean 'one-side-to-the-other' form and double-check steps.

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A piece of pseudo code

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if ( (input > 0) or (not output) ) {    if ( not (output and (queuelength < 100) ) ) {        P_1 } else if ( output and (not (queuelength < 100)) ) {        P_2 } else { P_3 } } else { P_4 }
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When does each piece of code get executed?

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Let i: input > 0,
    u: output,
    q: queuelength < 100.</pre>
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A Code Example, cont'd

i	u	q	$(i \lor (\neg u))$	$\bigl(\neg(u \wedge q)\bigr)$	$\big(u \wedge (\neg q)\big)$	
T	Т	Т	Т			
Т	Т	F	Т			
T	F	Т	Т			
T	F	F	Т			
F	T	Т	F			P_4
F	T	F	F			P_4
F	F	Т	Т			
F	F	F	Т			

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A Code Example, cont'd

i	u	q	$\ \ \left \ (i\vee (\neg u)\right)$	$\bigl(\neg(u\wedge q)\bigr)$	$\big(u \wedge (\neg q)\big)$	
Т	Т	Т	Т	F	F	P_3
T	T	F	Т	T		P_1
T	F	Т	Т	T		P_1
T	F	F	Т	T		P_1
F	Т	Т	F			P_4
F	T	F	F			P_4
F	F	T	Т	T		P_1
F	F	F	Т	T		P_1

Finding Live Code

Prove that P_3 is live code. That is, the conditions leading to P_3 is satisfiable.

Theorem:

$$\left(\left(i \vee (\neg u) \right) \wedge \left(\left(\neg (\neg (u \wedge q)) \right) \wedge \left(\neg (u \wedge (\neg q)) \right) \right) \right) \equiv \left((i \wedge u) \wedge q \right)$$

Proof: In class

Two pieces of code: Are they equivalent?

Prove that the two code fragments are equivalent.

Listing 1: Your code

```
if (i || !u) {
   if (!(u && q)) {
     P1
   } else if (u && !q) {
     P2
   } else { P3 }
} else { P4 }
```

Listing 2: Your friend's code

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if ((i && u) && q) {
   P3
} else if (!i && u) {
   P4
} else {
   P1
}
```

Simplifying Code

To prove that the two fragments are equivalent, show that each block of code P_1 , P_2 , P_3 , and P_4 is executed under equivalent conditions.

Block	Fragment 1	Fragment 2
P_1	$\big(i\vee (\neg u)\big)\wedge \big(\neg (u\wedge q)\big)$	$\big(\neg(i\wedge u\wedge q)\big)\wedge\big(\neg((\neg i)\wedge u)\big)$
P_2	$ \begin{array}{c} \left(i\vee (\neg u)\right)\wedge \left(\neg (\neg (u\wedge q))\right) \\ \wedge \left(u\wedge (\neg q)\right) \end{array} $	F
P_3	$ \begin{array}{c} \left(i\vee (\neg u)\right)\wedge \left(\neg (\neg (u\wedge q))\right) \\ \wedge \left(\neg (u\wedge (\neg q))\right) \end{array} $	$(i \wedge u \wedge q)$
P_4	$\big(\neg(i\vee(\neg u))\big)$	$\big(\neg(i\wedge u\wedge q)\big)\wedge\big((\neg i)\wedge u\big)$

Another logic puzzle

A very special island is inhabited only by knights and knaves. Knights always tell the truth, and knaves always lie.

You meet three inhabitants: Alice, Rex and Bob.

Alice says, "Rex is a knave."

Rex says, "It is false that Bob is a knave."

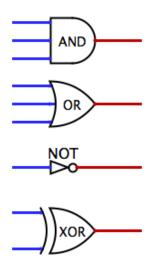
Bob claims, "I am a knight or Alice is a knight."

Can you determine who is a knight and who is a knave?

Digital Circuits

- An electronic computer is made up of a number of circuits.
- The basic elements of circuits are called logic gates.
- A gate is an electronic device that operates on a collection of binary inputs and produces a binary output.

Logical Gates



A circuit design problem

Your instructors, Alice, Carmen, and Collin, are choosing questions to be put on the midterm. For each problem, each instructor votes either yes or not. A question is chosen if it receives two or more yes votes. Design a circuit, which outputs yes whenever a question is chosen.

Draw the truth table

Х	у	z	output
T	T	T	
T	Т	F	
T	F	T	
T	F	F	
F	Т	T	
F	Т	F	
F	F	T	
F	F	F	

Draw the truth table

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F	Т	T	T
F	Т	F	F
F	F	T	F
F	F	F	F

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Design the circuit

1. Convert the truth table a propositional formula.

For convenience, we will use the symbol \oplus to represent an exclusive OR connective. This is a temporary convenience only. You are not allowed to use this connective unless otherwise specified in the problem.

2. Then, convert the formula to a circuit.

Solution 1

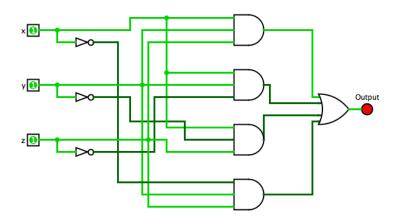
- 1. Convert each row of the truth table to a conjunction.
 - $((x \wedge y) \wedge z)$
 - $\quad \blacksquare \quad ((x \wedge y) \wedge (\neg z))$
 - $\bullet \ ((x \wedge (\neg y)) \wedge z)$
 - $\quad \blacksquare \quad (((\neg x) \land y) \land z)$
- 2. Connect all formulas to form a disjunction. (Below is not well formed to save confusion)

$$((x \wedge y) \wedge z) \vee ((x \wedge y) \wedge (\neg z)) \vee ((x \wedge (\neg y)) \wedge z) \vee (((\neg x) \wedge y) \wedge z)$$

3. Draw the circuit.



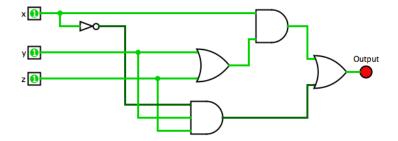
Circuit 1



Solution 2

- 1. Converts rows 1-3 to a propositional formula.
- $(x \land (y \lor z))$
- 2. Convert row 5 to a propositional formula. $(((\neg x) \land y) \land z)$
- 3. Connect all formulas into a disjunction. $((x \land (y \lor z)) \lor (((\neg x) \land y) \land z))$
- 4. Draw the circuit.

Circuit 2



Solution 3

- 1. Convert rows 1 and 5 into a propositional formula. $(y \wedge z)$
- 2. Convert rows 2 and 3 into a propositional formula. $(x \land (y \oplus z))$
- 3. Connect all formulas into a disjunction. $((y \land z) \lor (x \land (y \oplus z)))$
- 4. Draw the circuit.

Circuit 3

