

## §1 Logical Connectives

Math consists of statements, sentences which can be classified as true/false - although we might not know which!

Ex Which are statements?

p:  $2+2=4$     yes - true!

q:  $3+3=10$     yes - false!

r: this statement is false    No.

s: It's cold outside    yes - assuming  
cold is defined

t: Truth is beauty.    No.

u:  $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$ .    Yes - truth value depends on value of  $x$

Given statements  $p, q$  we can create<sup>2</sup>  
new ones using logic operators.  
sentential connectives.

① Negation ( $\neg, \sim$ )

$\neg p$  is true  
when  $p$  is false,  
false when  $p$  is true.

Can represent w/ "Truth Table":

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

② Conjunction ( $\wedge, \text{and}$ )

$p \wedge q$  is true  
when both  $p$   
and  $q$  are true,  
otherwise it's  
false.

$P$	$Q$	$P \wedge Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F



### ③ Disjunction ( $\vee$ , or)

$p \vee q$  true if  
p is true, q is  
true or both

P	Q	$P \vee Q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F



Rarer: Exclusive or ( $\veebar$ , XOR)

$p \text{ XOR } q$  true if p or q is T  
but NOT both.

Ex  $p = \text{Jim is tall}$   
 $q = \text{Jim has red hair}$

$p \wedge q = \text{Jim is tall and has red hair.}$

$\neg(p \wedge q) = \text{NOT (Jim is tall and has red hair)}$

don't write

$\neg p \wedge q$ ;  
that's  
 $(\neg p) \wedge q$

$= \text{Jim is not tall or Jim doesn't have red hair.}$

$= \text{Jim is not tall or doesn't have red hair.}$

You try: truth table for  $(\sim p) \vee (\sim q)$

⚠  $\sim(p \wedge q)$  is T/F precisely when  $(\sim p) \vee (\sim q)$  is T/F. We say these statements are logically equivalent. This is one of De Morgan's Laws:

$$\sim(\underline{p \wedge q}) = (\sim p) \vee (\sim q)$$

In words:



④ Implications ( $\Rightarrow$ , if..., then...) <sup>5</sup>

If  $p$ , then  $q$ .  $\boxed{p \Rightarrow q}$

$p$  = antecedent (hyp.)

$q$  = consequent (conclusion)

Mathematicians use following convention:  $p \Rightarrow q$  false only if  $p$  true and  $q$  is false. otherwise it's true.

$p$	$q$	$p \Rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Ex Determine truth values:

① If 2 is positive, then 4 is even.

② If 3 is odd, then pigs can fly.

③ If pigs can fly, then I'm a rock star.

If  $p \Rightarrow q$  is true,  
and  $q \Rightarrow p$  is true, we write

$$p \Leftrightarrow q$$

This is shorthand for "p and q are logically equivalent":

$p$	$q$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$q \Rightarrow p$	$p \Leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p)$   
 $\equiv$   
 $p \Leftrightarrow q$

We also write: