

**Problem 1.**

Write the DNF of  $p \Leftrightarrow q$  which is defined as  $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p)$

**Solution.**

First we construct the truth table of  $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p)$ .

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

The proposition  $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p)$  is true precisely when row 1 is true or row 4 is true, which precisely occurs when ( $p$  is true AND  $q$  is true) OR ( $p$  is false AND  $q$  is false), so

$$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$$

**Problem 2A.**

Verify "modus ponens"  $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge p \Rightarrow q$ .

**Solution.**

To verify  $((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge p \Rightarrow q) \equiv T$ , it suffices to show that the logical function  $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge p \Rightarrow q$  always outputs true in its last column:

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

**Problem 2B.**

Verify "modus tollens"  $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$ .

**Solution.**

To verify  $((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p) \equiv T$ , it suffices to show that the logical function  $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$  always outputs true in its last column:

$p$	$q$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$\neg q$	$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q$	$\neg p$	$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$
T	T	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

**Problem 3.**

Consider the statement "If Bob eats tacos, then he drinks milk."

(a) The converse of this statement is: "If Bob drinks milk, then he eats tacos."

(b) The contrapositive of the original statement is: "If Bob does not drink milk, then Bob does not eat

tacos."

(c) A proposition of the form  $p \Rightarrow q$  is false precisely when  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false; in other words, we must have: Bob does not drink milk, and Bob does eat tacos.

(d) Write the original statement as the form  $p \Rightarrow q$  where  $p =$  "Bob eats tacos" and  $q =$  "Bob drinks milk". Then  $p \Rightarrow q$  is true and  $q$  is true occurs when  $p = T$  or  $p = F$  by the truth table below. Therefore we cannot conclude anything about whether Bob eats tacos or not.

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

(e) Suppose now that the original statement is true and that Bob does not drink milk. Following the notations in (d), we now have  $(p \Rightarrow q) = T$  and  $q = F$ . In the above truth table, this case occurs precisely when  $p = F$ . In other words, we know that Bob does not eat tacos.

#### Problem 4.

Let  $p =$  "Jon eats pizza" and  $q =$  "Jon drinks tea". Then we can formalize the following sentences:

- "Jon eats pizza or drinks tea (possibly both)." as  $p \vee q$ ,
- "If Jon eats pizza, then Jon drinks tea." as  $p \Rightarrow q$ ,
- "If Jon does not eat pizza, then Jon drinks tea." as  $\neg p \Rightarrow q$

We write out the truth table involving  $p \vee q$ ,  $p \Rightarrow q$ , and  $\neg p \Rightarrow q$ :

$p$	$q$	$p \vee q$	$p \Rightarrow q$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \Rightarrow q$
T	T	T	T	F	T
T	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	F

We are given that  $p \vee q$  is true, so we can eliminate the fourth row. We also know  $p \Rightarrow q$  is true, so we eliminate the second row. In the remaining rows (row 1 and row 3),  $\neg p \Rightarrow q$  is true. Therefore "If Jon does not eat pizza, then Jon drinks tea" is true.