

Conjunction and Disjunction

- Operators in Propositional Logic
 - Negation \neg
 - Conjunction \wedge
 - Disjunction \vee
 - Implication \Rightarrow
 - Equivalence \Leftrightarrow

Truth Tables

- Each operator is defined by a truth table
 - It lists the possible values for operands on the left and the value of the proposition on the right
 - We have seen the truth table for negation already:

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

Negation (\neg)

- Negation acts roughly like “not” in English
 - $\neg(\text{True}) \iff \text{False}$
 - $\neg(\text{False}) \iff \text{True}$

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

Using truth tables

p	$\neg p$	$\neg\neg p$
T	F	T
F	T	F

Conjunction (\wedge)

- Conjunction works roughly like “and” in English
 - It only returns true when **both** of its operands are **true**
 - false otherwise

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

Disjunction (\vee)

- Disjunction works roughly like “or” in English
 - It returns **true** when **either** of its operands are **true**
 - false otherwise

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

An example

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

Using truth tables

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

Summary

- Truth tables
 - define logical operators
 - structure our reasoning
- Negation (not) \neg
- Conjunction (and) \wedge
- Disjunction (or) \vee