

LECTURE 6  
(Fri. JAN. 17, 2020)

Exc Verify all the other Boolean properties

Also,

(commutative, associative, distributive etc)

$$\sim(\sim P) \equiv P$$

— analogous to  $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$  for subsets  $A \subseteq X$ .

Implications:  $P \Rightarrow Q$  "If P holds, then Q holds"

[or "P holds only if Q holds"]

- Note: If P is false and Q is (nevertheless) true,

$P \Rightarrow Q$  is a true statement!

"P implies Q"

Ex:  $(3 \text{ divides } 8) \Rightarrow (3 \text{ divides } 6)$  is true.

- However, usually one starts with a true P and deduces that Q is true.

| P | Q | $P \Rightarrow Q$ |
|---|---|-------------------|
| T | T | T                 |
| T | F | F                 |
| F | T | T                 |
| F | F | T                 |

what's  
o Question?  $\sim(P \Rightarrow Q)$

- add column:

| $\sim(P \Rightarrow Q)$ |
|-------------------------|
| F                       |
| F                       |
| T                       |
| T                       |

(can "express"  $P \Rightarrow Q$  as the log. equivalent statement

$$\sim(P \wedge (\sim Q))$$

which uses only  $\wedge$  and  $\sim$ )

- Check (exercise):

$$\sim(P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv P \wedge (\sim Q)$$

→ Follows formally that

$$\begin{aligned} P \Rightarrow Q &\equiv \sim (P \wedge \sim Q) \\ &\equiv \sim (\sim Q \wedge P) \\ &\equiv \sim (\sim Q \wedge \sim \sim P) \\ &\equiv (\sim Q) \Rightarrow (\sim P). \end{aligned}$$

→ above obs. app.  
to  $\sim Q$  and  $\sim P$ .

the "contrapositive" of  $P \Rightarrow Q$

(if  $Q$  does not hold,  $P$  doesn't hold)

(compare:

$A \subseteq B$  is  
equivalent to  
 $\overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A}$ )

used for proofs by contradiction:

To show  $Q$  is true, assume it's  
false. From  $\sim Q$  deduce a  
statement which is obviously false.

(P)

Ex  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

→ For the sake of contradiction, suppose  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$   
for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  (and  $b \neq 0$ ). We may assume  $a, b$  have  
no common factor  $> 1$ .

We know (by taking squares):  $2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$   
→ in other words  $a^2 = 2b^2$ .

part (c)

We see that  $a^2$  is even. By Problem D on HW0, we conclude that  $a$  must be even. I.e.,  $a = 2c$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

~ Insert this formula:

$$4c^2 = \underbrace{(2c)^2}_{a^2} = 2b^2$$

Can cancel a factor 2 and get  $b^2 = 2c^2$ , which shows (by repeating the above argument) that  $b$  must also be even.

Thus 2 divides both  $a$  and  $b$ , which contradicts that  $a, b$  have no common factor  $> 1$ .

("coprime")

Have shown, for any two  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  with no common factor  $> 1$ .

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b} \implies a, b \text{ are both } \underline{\text{even}}.$$

"Contrapositive" is

$$\underbrace{a, b \text{ not both even}} \implies \sqrt{2} \neq \frac{a}{b}.$$

obviously true when  $a, b$  are coprime.

Bi-implications:  $P \iff Q$  "P holds exactly when Q holds"  
 [or "if and only if"].

| P | Q | $P \iff Q$ |
|---|---|------------|
| T | T | T          |
| T | F | F          |
| F | T | F          |
| F | F | T          |

logically equivalent:

$$(P \implies Q) \wedge (Q \implies P)$$

EX i) For any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$n \text{ even} \iff n+1 \text{ odd.}$$

ii) For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$x=1 \implies x^2=1 \text{ true, but } \iff \text{ is false.}$$

What's true:

$$x^2=1 \iff (x=1) \vee (x=-1)$$

Remark:  $\sim(P \iff Q) \equiv \sim((P \implies Q) \wedge (Q \implies P))$

$$\equiv (\sim(P \implies Q)) \vee (\sim(Q \implies P))$$

$$\equiv (P \wedge \sim Q) \vee (Q \wedge \sim P)$$

"either P holds and Q doesn't,  
 or vice versa"