

Propositional Logic Equivalences

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Equivalences involving \wedge

In the equivalences, A, B, C will denote arbitrary formulas. For short, I will often say 'equivalent' rather than 'logically equivalent'.

1. $A \wedge B$ is logically equivalent to $B \wedge A$
(commutativity of \wedge)
2. $A \wedge A$ is logically equivalent to A
(idempotence of \wedge)
3. $A \wedge \top$ is logically equivalent to A
4. $\perp \wedge A$ and $\neg A \wedge A$ are equivalent to \perp
5. $(A \wedge B) \wedge C$ is equivalent to $A \wedge (B \wedge C)$ (associativity of \wedge)

Equivalences involving \vee

6. $A \vee B$ is equivalent to $B \vee A$
(commutativity of \vee)
7. $A \vee A$ is equivalent to A
(idempotence of \vee)
8. $\top \vee A$ and $\neg A \vee A$ are equivalent to \top
9. $A \vee \perp$ is equivalent to A
10. $(A \vee B) \vee C$ is equivalent to $A \vee (B \vee C)$ (associativity of \vee)

Equivalences involving \neg

11. $\neg\top$ is equivalent to \perp
12. $\neg\perp$ is equivalent to \top
13. $\neg\neg A$ is equivalent to A

Equivalences involving \rightarrow

14. $A \rightarrow A$ is equivalent to \top
15. $\top \rightarrow A$ is equivalent to A
16. $A \rightarrow \top$ is equivalent to \top
17. $\perp \rightarrow A$ is equivalent to \top
18. $A \rightarrow \perp$ is equivalent to $\neg A$
19. $A \rightarrow B$ is equivalent to $\neg A \vee B$, and also to $\neg(A \wedge \neg B)$
20. $\neg(A \rightarrow B)$ is equivalent to $A \wedge \neg B$.

Equivalences involving \leftrightarrow

21. $A \leftrightarrow B$ is equivalent to

- $(A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A)$,
- $(A \wedge B) \vee (\neg A \wedge \neg B)$,
- $\neg A \leftrightarrow \neg B$.

22. $\neg(A \leftrightarrow B)$ is equivalent to

- $A \leftrightarrow \neg B$,
- $\neg A \leftrightarrow B$,
- $(A \wedge \neg B) \vee (\neg A \wedge B)$.

De Morgan laws

Augustus de Morgan (19th-century logician) did not discover these (they are much older) and indeed he could not even express them in his own notation!

23. $\neg(A \wedge B)$ is equivalent to $\neg A \vee \neg B$

24. $\neg(A \vee B)$ is equivalent to $\neg A \wedge \neg B$

Distributivity of \wedge, \vee

25. $A \wedge (B \vee C)$ is equivalent to $(A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$.

26. $A \vee (B \wedge C)$ is equivalent to $(A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$

27. $A \wedge (A \vee B)$ and $A \vee (A \wedge B)$ are equivalent to A .