

6. LOGICAL EQUIVALENCE

Checking with a truth table.

$$(P \leftrightarrow Q) \equiv (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$$

P	Q	$P \rightarrow Q$	$Q \rightarrow P$	$(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$	$P \leftrightarrow Q$
F	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	F
T	T	T	T	T	T

Algebra laws.

De Morgan: $\neg(P \wedge Q) \equiv (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$, $\neg(P \vee Q) \equiv (\neg P) \wedge (\neg Q)$

Idempotent: $P \wedge P \equiv P$, $P \vee P \equiv P$

Distributive: $P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$

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

Associative: $P \wedge (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \wedge R \equiv P \wedge Q \wedge R$

$$P \vee (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \vee R \equiv P \vee Q \vee R$$

Commutative: $P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$, $P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P$

Using algebra laws.

$$\neg(P \wedge Q \wedge R) \equiv \neg[(P \wedge Q) \wedge R] \quad (\text{associative law})$$

$$\equiv \neg(P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg R) \quad (\text{De Morgan law})$$

$$\equiv [(\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)] \vee (\neg R) \quad (\text{De Morgan law})$$

$$\equiv (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q) \vee (\neg R) \quad (\text{associative law})$$

gives “super De Morgan” $\neg(P \wedge Q \wedge R) \equiv (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q) \vee (\neg R)$