

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