

5. 1) [25 points] Let $P | Q$ denote “ P and Q are not both true”.

(a) Write the truth table of $P | Q$.

Solution. The truth table is:

P	Q	$P Q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

□

(b) Find a formula [involving P and Q] using only \wedge , \vee and \neg operations logically equivalent to $P | Q$.

Solution. $\neg(P \wedge Q)$ or $(\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$.

□

(c) Find a formula logically equivalent to $\neg P$ using only $|$ [and P]. [Show that your formula is indeed equivalent!]

Solution. We have $P | P$ works:

$$P | P \sim \neg(P \wedge P) \sim \neg P.$$

□

(d) Find a formula for $P \wedge Q$ using only $|$ [and P and Q]. [Show that your formula is indeed equivalent!]

Solution. We have that $P | Q$ is $\neg(P \wedge Q)$ by (b). So by double negatives, we need to negate $P | Q$ to get $P \wedge Q$. But, by (c), this is the same as $(P | Q) | (P | Q)$. □

(e) Find a formula for $P \vee Q$ using only $|$ [and P and Q]. [Show that your formula is indeed equivalent!]

Solution. By DeMorgan's Law, $P | Q \sim (\neq P) \vee (\neg Q)$. So, $(\neg P) | (\neg Q) \sim P \vee Q$ [by double negatives]. By part (c), we then have $(P | P) | (Q | Q) \sim P \vee Q$. \square