

Logical Equivalence and Set-theoretic Identity

Logical Equivalence	Corresponding Set-theoretic Identity
1. De Morgan's laws	
$\neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee \neg Q$	$(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$
$\neg(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg P \wedge \neg Q$	$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$
2. Commutative laws	
$(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow (Q \wedge P)$	$A \cap B = B \cap A$
$(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow (Q \vee P)$	$A \cup B = B \cup A$
$(P + Q) \Leftrightarrow (Q + P)$	$A \Delta B = B \Delta A$
3. Associative laws	
$P \wedge (Q \wedge R) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \wedge R$	$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$
$P \vee (Q \vee R) \Leftrightarrow (P \vee Q) \vee R$	$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$
$P + (Q + R) \Leftrightarrow (P + Q) + R$	$A \Delta (B \Delta C) = (A \Delta B) \Delta C$
4. Idempotent laws	
$P \wedge P \Leftrightarrow P$	$A \cap A = A$
$P \vee P \Leftrightarrow P$	$A \cup A = A$
5. Distributive laws	
$P \wedge (Q \vee R) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$	$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
$P \vee (Q \wedge R) \Leftrightarrow (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$	$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
$P \wedge (Q + R) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) + (P \wedge R)$	$A \cap (B \Delta C) = (A \cap B) \Delta (A \cap C)$

6. Absorption laws

$$P \wedge (P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow P$$

$$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$$

$$P \vee (P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow P$$

$$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$$

7. Double negation law

$$\neg \neg P \Leftrightarrow P$$

$$(A^c)^c = A$$

8. Tautology laws

(U = the universal set)

$P \vee \neg P$ is a tautology

$$A \cup A^c = U$$

$P \wedge (\text{a tautology}) \Leftrightarrow P$

$$A \cap U = A$$

$P \vee (\text{a tautology})$ is a tautology

$$A \cup U = U$$

$P \wedge (\text{a tautology}) \Leftrightarrow \neg P$

$$A \Delta U = A^c$$

$\neg(\text{a tautology})$ is a contradiction

$$U^c = \emptyset$$

9. Contradiction laws

(U = the universal set)

$P \wedge \neg P$ is a contradiction

$$A \cap A^c = \emptyset$$

$P \wedge (\text{a contradiction})$ is a contradiction

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$P \vee (\text{a contradiction}) \Leftrightarrow P$

$$A \cup \emptyset = A$$

$\neg P \rightarrow (\text{a contradiction}) \Leftrightarrow P$

This equivalence, which justifies proof by contradiction, is just a variant of the preceding equivalence, since $\neg P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow P \vee Q$.

$P \wedge (\text{a contradiction}) \Leftrightarrow P$

$$A \Delta \emptyset = A$$

$\neg(\text{a contradiction})$ is a tautology

$$\emptyset^c = U$$

10. Conditional equivalences

$$P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q$$

$$\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow P \wedge \neg Q$$

$$P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R$$

11. Biconditional equivalences

$$P \leftrightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$$

$$\neg(P \leftrightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow P \oplus Q$$

12. Quantifier laws

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \neg P(x)$$

$$\neg \exists x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \neg P(x)$$

$$\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$$

$$\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x) \Rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$$

$$\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \text{ DOES NOT IMPLY } \forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x) !!!$$

$$\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Leftrightarrow \exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$$

$$\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$$

$$\exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x) \text{ DOES NOT IMPLY } \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) !!!$$