

Laws of Logical Equivalence

Name	Or version	And version
Commutative	$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$	$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$
Associative	$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$	$(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$
Distributive	$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$	$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
Idempotent	$p \vee p \equiv p$	$p \wedge p \equiv p$
Identity	$p \vee F \equiv p$	$p \wedge T \equiv p$
	$p \vee T \equiv T$	$p \wedge F \equiv F$
Complement	$p \vee \neg p \equiv T$	$p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$
	$\neg T \equiv F$	$\neg F \equiv T$
Double Negative	$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	
De Morgan's	$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$
	$\neg(\forall x \in A)p(x) \equiv (\exists x \in A) \neg p(x)$	
	$\neg(\exists x \in A)p(x) \equiv (\forall x \in A) \neg p(x)$	
Absorption	$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$	$p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$

Rules of Inference

Name	Rule of Inference	Tautology
Modus [ponendo] ponens = “the way that affirms by affirming”	p $\underline{p \rightarrow q}$ $\therefore q$	$(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$
Modus [tollendo] tollens = “the way that denies by denying”	$\neg q$ $\underline{p \rightarrow q}$ $\therefore \neg p$	$(\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p$
Transitivity (Hypothetical syllogism)	$p \rightarrow q$ $\underline{q \rightarrow r}$ $\therefore p \rightarrow r$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$
Elimination (Disjunctive syllogism)	$p \vee q$ $\underline{\neg p}$ $\therefore q$	$((p \vee q) \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow q$
Generalization	\underline{p} $\therefore p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow (p \vee q)$
Simplification	$\underline{p \wedge q}$ $\therefore p$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$
Conjunction	p \underline{q} $\therefore p \wedge q$	$((p) \wedge (q)) \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$
Resolution	$p \vee q$ $\underline{\neg p \vee r}$ $\therefore q \vee r$	$((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r)) \rightarrow (q \vee r)$
Universal instantiation	$\underline{\forall x p(x)}$ $\therefore p(c)$	
Universal generalization	$\underline{p(c) \text{ for an arbitrary } c}$ $\therefore \forall x p(x)$	
Existential instantiation	$\underline{\exists x p(x)}$ $\therefore p(c)$	
Existential generalization	$\underline{p(c) \text{ for some element } c}$ $\therefore \exists x p(x)$	

Laws of the Algebra of Sets

Name	Union version	Intersection Dual version
Commutative	$A \cup B = B \cup A$	$A \cap B = B \cap A$
Associative	$(A \cup B) \cup D = A \cup (B \cup D)$	$(A \cap B) \cap D = A \cap (B \cap D)$
Distributive	$A \cup (B \cap D) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup D)$	$A \cap (B \cup D) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap D)$
Idempotent	$A \cup A = A$	$A \cap A = A$
Identity	$A \cup \emptyset = A$	$A \cap \mathbf{U} = A$
	$A \cup \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}$	$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$
Complement	$A \cup A^c = \mathbf{U}$	$A \cap A^c = \emptyset$
	$\mathbf{U}^c = \emptyset$	$\emptyset^c = \mathbf{U}$
Double Complement	$(A^c)^c = A$	
De Morgan's	$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$	$(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$
Absorption	$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$	$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$
Set Difference	$A - B = A \cap B^c$	