

Mathematical Logic

Lecture 3: Semantics - Part 1

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Example with Subformulas

- Let $F : (p \Rightarrow (q \wedge r))$
- Subformulas: $q \wedge r, p \Rightarrow (q \wedge r)$

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Observation: F is **not a tautology** because it is false for $I(p) = 0, I(q) = 0$.

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Definition:

- Two formulas F_1 and F_2 are **logically equivalent** ($F_1 \equiv F_2$) if they admit the same models.
- Techniques to verify equivalence:
 - 1 Construct a **truth table**.
 - 2 Use **equivalence chains** (rules of equivalence).

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Conclusion: the equivalence is correct.

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$$F_1 : (\neg q \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow (\neg q \vee p)$$

$$F_2 : ((p \vee q) \wedge \neg q) \Rightarrow p$$

Hint: Construct truth tables for each formula and verify that they are true for all interpretations.

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Exercise 2:

Check whether the following equivalence is correct, $P \equiv Q$

$$P : (\neg q \wedge (p \vee r)) \Rightarrow p$$

$$Q : \neg(\neg p \wedge (\neg q \wedge r))$$

Hint: Apply step-by-step equivalent transformations using:

- Material Implication
- De Morgan's Laws
- Double Negation