

Exercise Sheet 1

Exercise 1

Statement	Proposition?	True/False or Reason
12 is an even number.	Yes	True
$x + 3 = 7$	No	Contains a variable with unspecified value
Close the window.	No	Imperative command
The program has finished execution.	Yes	True/False depends on context
5 is a prime number.	Yes	True
Is the network connected?	No	Question
$10 < 3$	Yes	False
Stop the program!	No	Imperative command
Oran is in Egypt.	Yes	False
$y > 0$	No	Contains a variable with unspecified value

Exercise 02

Check whether the sentences can be translated into propositional logic. If yes, indicate the propositional variables and translation.

- Imad enrolled in second year computer science.
Propositional variable: P
Translation: P
- ChatGPT is an AI text generator developed by OpenAI.
Propositional variable: Q
Translation: Q
- If I turn off the laptop then the stored data are lost.
Propositional variables: R : "I turn off the laptop", S : "The stored data are lost"
Translation: $R \Rightarrow S$
- Salim comes to the party if and only if Amine comes and Kamel does not come.
Propositional variables: A : "Salim comes", B : "Amine comes", C : "Kamel comes"
Translation: $A \Leftrightarrow (B \wedge \neg C)$
- It is not true that Salim will come if Amine or Kamel comes.
Propositional variables: A : "Salim comes", B : "Amine comes", C : "Kamel comes"
Translation: $\neg((B \vee C) \Rightarrow A)$

6. Salim comes to the party on condition that Kamel does not come, but if Kamel comes, Amine does not come.
Propositional variables: A : "Salim comes", B : "Amine comes", C : "Kamel comes"
Translation: $(\neg C \Rightarrow A) \wedge (C \Rightarrow \neg B)$
7. The server is not only running, but it is also connected to the network.
Propositional variables: R : "Server is running", N : "Server is connected to network"
Translation: $R \wedge N$
8. If Salim is brave and intelligent then John is not happy.
Propositional variables: S : "Salim is brave", T : "Salim is intelligent", J : "John is happy"
Translation: $(S \wedge T) \Rightarrow \neg J$
9. Ask a question.
Not a proposition (imperative, cannot be true or false)
10. In case of bad weather, or if too many participants are absent, the session will be postponed.
Propositional variables: B : "Bad weather", A : "Too many participants are absent", P : "Session will be postponed"
Translation: $(B \vee A) \Rightarrow P$
11. Computers facilitate administration but also teaching.
Propositional variables: C : "Computers facilitate administration", T : "Computers facilitate teaching"
Translation: $C \wedge T$
12. What is your email address?
Not a proposition (question, cannot be true or false)
13. Computers make administration easier and may or may not make teaching easier.
Propositional variables: A : "Computers make administration easier", T : "Computers make teaching easier"
Translation: $A \wedge (T \vee \neg T)$
14. You did a really good job!
Not a proposition (exclamation, cannot be true or false)
15. Five plus two.
Not a proposition (arithmetic expression without assertion)
16. An empty battery is a sufficient condition for the laptop to turn off.
Propositional variables: E : "Battery is empty", L : "Laptop turns off"
Translation: $E \Rightarrow L$
17. Installing the software is not a sufficient condition for it to run correctly.
Propositional variables: I : "Software is installed", R : "Software runs correctly"
Translation: $\neg(I \Rightarrow R)$

Exercise 03

Put parentheses according to connector precedence.

1. $p \wedge q \Rightarrow r \vee \neg s$
With parentheses: $(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow (r \vee (\neg s))$

$$2. \neg p \vee \neg q \wedge r$$

With parentheses: $(\neg p) \vee ((\neg q) \wedge r)$

$$3. \neg p \Leftrightarrow q$$

With parentheses: $((\neg p) \Leftrightarrow q)$

$$4. \neg p \Rightarrow \neg q \wedge r$$

With parentheses: $(\neg p) \Rightarrow ((\neg q) \wedge r)$

$$5. \neg p \Rightarrow \neg q \Leftrightarrow r$$

With parentheses: $((\neg p) \Rightarrow (\neg q)) \Leftrightarrow r$

Exercise 04

By interpreting:

- p : “I leave”
- q : “you stay”
- r : “there’s no one”

$$1. p \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow r$$

Natural language:

If I leave and you do not stay, then there is no one.

$$2. \neg p \vee \neg q \Rightarrow \neg r$$

Natural language:

If I do not leave or you do not stay, then there is someone.

Exercise 05

A formula is a WFF (well-formed formula) if it is built only from propositional variables and logical connectives with correct parentheses.

$$1. ((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg p) \Rightarrow \neg q$$

WFF — correctly built using $\Rightarrow$, $\wedge$, $\neg$ and parentheses.

$$2. \neg(p \Rightarrow (q = p))$$

Not WFF — the symbol $=$ is not a propositional connective.

$$3. pq$$

Not WFF — two variables written together with no connective.

$$4. \neg(\leq (q \wedge p))$$

Not WFF — the symbol $\leq$ is not a propositional connective.

$$5. p - q$$

Not WFF — the symbol $-$ is arithmetic, not logical.

$$6. (p \Rightarrow \neg q) \Leftrightarrow r$$

WFF — valid use of $\Rightarrow$, $\neg$, and $\Leftrightarrow$.

Exercise 06

Depth = number of branches from root to farthest leaf

Complexity = number of connectives

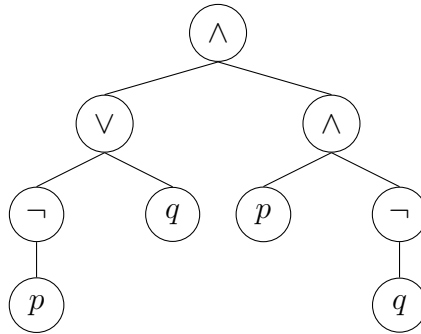
1) $(\neg p \vee q) \wedge (p \wedge \neg q)$

Subformulas:

$$p, q, \neg p, \neg q, (\neg p \vee q), (p \wedge \neg q), (\neg p \vee q) \wedge (p \wedge \neg q)$$

Depth = 3

Complexity = 5



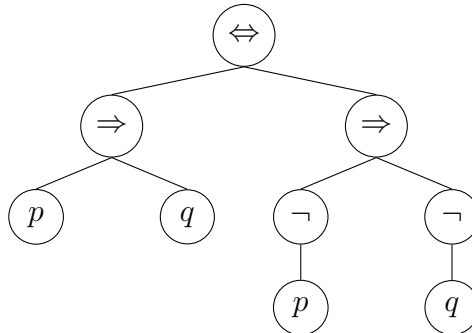
2) $(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg p \Rightarrow \neg q)$

Subformulas:

$$p, q, \neg p, \neg q, (p \Rightarrow q), (\neg p \Rightarrow \neg q), \text{whole formula}$$

Depth = 3

Complexity = 5



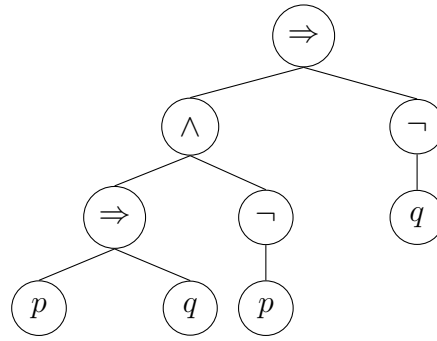
3) $[(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg p] \Rightarrow \neg q$

Subformulas:

$$p, q, \neg p, \neg q, (p \Rightarrow q), ((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg p), \text{whole formula}$$

Depth = 3

Complexity = 5



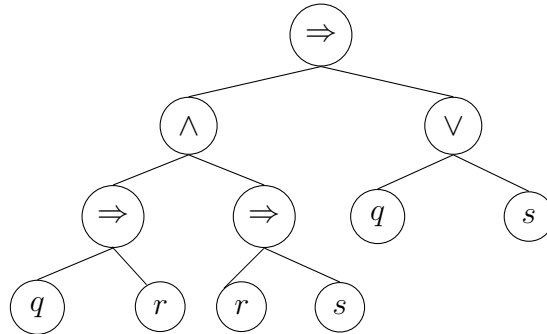
4) $((q \Rightarrow r) \wedge (r \Rightarrow s)) \Rightarrow (q \vee s)$

Subformulas:

$q, r, s, (q \Rightarrow r), (r \Rightarrow s), ((q \Rightarrow r) \wedge (r \Rightarrow s)), (q \vee s)$, whole formula

Depth = 3

Complexity = 5



5) $(\neg p \Rightarrow q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow ((s \Rightarrow \neg p \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow \neg q \wedge s)$

(Using precedence: $\neg$ then $\wedge$ then $\Rightarrow$)

Rewritten with parentheses:

$$(\neg p \Rightarrow (q \wedge r)) \Leftrightarrow ((s \Rightarrow (\neg p \wedge r)) \Leftrightarrow (\neg q \wedge s))$$

Subformulas:

$p, q, r, s, \neg p, \neg q, (q \wedge r), (\neg p \wedge r), (\neg q \wedge s), (\neg p \Rightarrow (q \wedge r)),$
 $(s \Rightarrow (\neg p \wedge r)), ((s \Rightarrow (\neg p \wedge r)) \Leftrightarrow (\neg q \wedge s))$, whole formula

Depth = 5

Complexity = 10

