

## Logical Equivalence

- Tautology, Contradiction, Logical Equivalence
- Logical Equivalence using Truth Table
- Logical Equivalence using Laws

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## Compound Proposition: Recap

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- Negation of a proposition
- Proposition made by combining two propositions with AND, OR, XOR, IF-THEN, IFF
- Can make compound propositions from others
- Compound proposition  $\rightarrow$  Truth Table
- Truth Table  $\rightarrow$  Compound Proposition

Today we will discuss equivalence of two compound propositions

# Tautology, Contradiction, Contingency

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## Tautology

A compound proposition whose truth value is **T** for all possible truth values of its atomic propositions

## Contradiction

A compound proposition whose truth value is **F** for all possible truth values of its atomic propositions

## Contingency

A compound proposition whose truth value is not a constant (neither a tautology nor a contradiction)

# Tautology, Contradiction, Contingency

## Tautology

$P$	$\neg P$	$P \vee \neg P$
T	F	T
F	T	T

## Contradiction

$P$	$\neg P$	$P \wedge \neg P$
T	F	F
F	T	F

## Tautology and contradiction in Computer Programs

```
while  $i \leq 10$  OR  $5 * i > 50$  do  
   $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
```

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if  $num > i$  then  
  if  $num = i$  then  
    PRINT("I was here")
```

How many times the loop iterates?

How many times the PRINT statement is executed?

## Tautology, Contradiction, Contingency

### IN-Class Problem 1-1

Is  $(\neg P \wedge (P \vee Q)) \rightarrow Q$  a tautology?

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \vee Q$	$\neg P \wedge (P \vee Q)$	$(\neg P \wedge (P \vee Q)) \rightarrow Q$
T	T	F	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	T

## Tautology, Contradiction, Contingency

### ICP 1-2

Is  $(\neg P \wedge (P \vee Q)) \wedge \neg Q$  a contradiction?

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \vee Q$	$\neg P \wedge (P \vee Q)$	$\neg Q$	$(\neg P \wedge (P \vee Q)) \wedge \neg Q$
T	T	F	T	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	F
F	T	T	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	F

## Logical Equivalence

Two compound propositions  $R$  and  $S$  are equivalent if  $R \leftrightarrow S$  is a tautology

- $R \equiv S, R \Leftrightarrow S, R$  is equivalent to  $S$
- $R \equiv S$  if whenever  $R$  is true,  $S$  is true and vice-versa
- They have the same truth values
- The definition of equivalence follows from biconditional statement

$P$	$Q$	$P \leftrightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

- $P \leftrightarrow Q$  is true when  $P = Q$

# Applications of Logical Equivalence

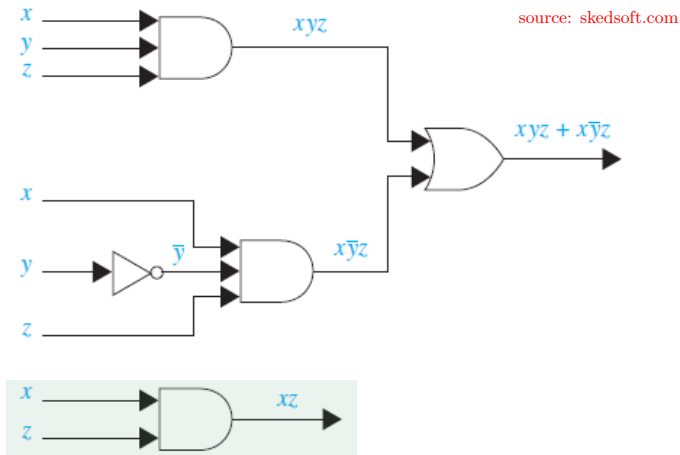
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Logical equivalence is used

- to simplify statements
- to make computer programs efficient yet correct
- to verify if two programs are equivalent
- for circuit minimization



# Logical Equivalence: Circuit Minimization

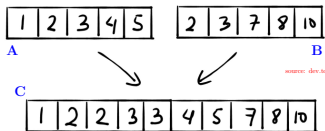


**FIGURE 1** Two Circuits with the Same Output.

## Logical Equivalence: Merging

The following two pieces of code perform exactly the same task

Merge two sorted arrays  $A$  and  $B$   
into a new sorted array  $C$



**if**  $[(i + j \leq m + n) \text{ AND } (i \leq m) \text{ AND } ((j \geq n) \text{ OR } (A[i] \leq B[j]))]$  **then**

$C[k] \leftarrow A[i]$

$i++$

**if**  $[((i + j \leq m + n) \text{ AND } (i \leq m) \text{ AND } (j \geq n)) \text{ OR } ((i + j \leq m + n) \text{ AND } (i \leq m) \text{ AND } (A[i] \leq B[j]))]$  **then**

$C[k] \leftarrow B[j]$

$j++$

## Tautology and Contradiction: Summary

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- Defined tautology and contradiction
- Discussed their applications in computer programming
- Define logical equivalence and its connection to bi-implication
- Saw example of different but equal conditions statements in computer programs