

Some Logical Equivalences & Entailments

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1. Laws of Propositional Logic

For any formulas ϕ , ψ , π :

1. Idempotent Laws:	$(\phi \vee \phi)$	\Leftrightarrow	ϕ
	$(\phi \wedge \phi)$	\Leftrightarrow	ϕ
2. Commutative Laws:	$(\phi \vee \psi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\psi \vee \phi)$
	$(\phi \wedge \psi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\psi \wedge \phi)$
3. Associate Laws:	$((\phi \vee \psi) \vee \pi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\phi \vee (\psi \vee \pi))$
	$((\phi \wedge \psi) \wedge \pi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\phi \wedge (\psi \wedge \pi))$
4. Distributive Laws:	$(\phi \vee (\psi \wedge \pi))$	\Leftrightarrow	$((\phi \vee \psi) \wedge (\phi \vee \pi))$
	$(\phi \wedge (\psi \vee \pi))$	\Leftrightarrow	$((\phi \wedge \psi) \vee (\phi \wedge \pi))$
5. Identity Laws:	$(\phi \vee \perp)$	\Leftrightarrow	ϕ
	$(\phi \vee \top)$	\Leftrightarrow	\top
	$(\phi \wedge \perp)$	\Leftrightarrow	\perp
	$(\phi \wedge \top)$	\Leftrightarrow	ϕ
6. Complement Laws:	$(\phi \vee \neg\phi)$	\Leftrightarrow	\top
	$(\phi \wedge \neg\phi)$	\Leftrightarrow	\perp
	$\neg\neg\phi$	\Leftrightarrow	ϕ
7. DeMorgan's Laws:	$\neg(\phi \vee \psi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi)$
	$\neg(\phi \wedge \psi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\neg\phi \vee \neg\psi)$
8. Conditional Laws:	$(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\neg\phi \vee \psi)$
	$(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\phi)$ (Contraposition)
9. Biconditional Laws:	$(\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$
	$(\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi)$	\Leftrightarrow	$(\neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi) \vee (\phi \wedge \psi)$

2. (Some) Laws in Predicate Logic

For any predicate π and formula ϕ :

1. Law of Quantifier Negation:

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

[And, by $\neg \neg \phi \Leftrightarrow \phi$, also:

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

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

$$\forall x (\neg \pi(x)) \Leftrightarrow \neg \exists x (\pi(x))]$$

2. Laws of Quantifier (In)Dependence:

$$a. \forall x \forall y (\pi(x,y)) \Leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x (\pi(x,y))$$

$$b. \exists x \exists y (\pi(x,y)) \Leftrightarrow \exists y \exists x (\pi(x,y))$$

$$c. \exists x \forall y (\pi(x,y)) \Rightarrow \forall y \exists x (\pi(x,y))$$

3. Laws of Quantifier Distribution:

$$a. \forall x (\pi(x) \wedge \rho(x)) \Leftrightarrow \forall x (\pi(x)) \wedge \forall x (\rho(x))$$

$$b. \exists x (\pi(x) \vee \rho(x)) \Leftrightarrow \exists x (\pi(x)) \vee \exists x (\rho(x))$$

$$c. \forall x (\pi(x)) \vee \forall x (\rho(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x (\pi(x) \vee \rho(x))$$

$$d. \exists x (\pi(x) \wedge \rho(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x (\pi(x)) \wedge \exists x (\rho(x))$$

4. Laws of Quantifier Movement:

$$a. \phi \rightarrow \forall x (\pi(x)) \Leftrightarrow \forall x (\phi \rightarrow \pi(x))$$

provided that x is not free in ϕ .

$$b. \phi \rightarrow \exists x (\pi(x)) \Leftrightarrow \exists x (\phi \rightarrow \pi(x))$$

provided that x is not free in ϕ and that someone exists.

$$c. \forall x (\pi(x)) \rightarrow \phi \Leftrightarrow \exists x (\pi(x) \rightarrow \phi)$$

provided that x is not free in ϕ and that someone exists.

$$d. \exists x (\pi(x)) \rightarrow \phi \Leftrightarrow \forall x (\pi(x) \rightarrow \phi)$$

provided that x is not free in ϕ .