

2.5 Laws of Logic

Ex: Show that $p \wedge 1 \Leftrightarrow p$

p	1	$p \wedge 1$
0	1	0
1	1	1

Identical

$$p \wedge 1 \Leftrightarrow p$$

In Boolean symbols we can write:

$$A \cdot 1 \Leftrightarrow A$$

$$\text{or } A \cdot 1 = A$$

There are four "Identity Laws"

Classical Symbols

$$p \wedge 1 \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$p \vee 1 \Leftrightarrow 1$$

$$p \wedge 0 \Leftrightarrow 0$$

$$p \vee 0 \Leftrightarrow p$$

Boolean Symbols

$$A \cdot 1 = A$$

$$A + 1 = 1$$

$$A \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$A + 0 = A$$

Ex: Simplify $(q \wedge 1) \vee (p \wedge 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow q \vee (p \wedge 0) && \text{Identity} \\ &\Leftrightarrow q \vee 0 && \text{Identity} \\ &\Leftrightarrow q && \text{Identity} \end{aligned}$$

Commutative Laws

$$p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow q \wedge p$$

$$p \vee q \Leftrightarrow q \vee p$$

$$AB = BA$$

$$A+B = B+A$$

Ex: Simplify $0 \wedge p$

$$\Leftrightarrow p \wedge 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p$$

Commutative
Identity

(Can do commutative law mentally)

Associative Laws

$$(p \wedge q) \wedge r \Leftrightarrow p \wedge (q \wedge r)$$

$$(p \vee q) \vee r \Leftrightarrow p \vee (q \vee r)$$

$$(AB)C = A(BC)$$

$$(A+B)+C = A+(B+C)$$

Ex: Simplify $(p \wedge 1) \wedge 1$

$$\Leftrightarrow p \wedge (1 \wedge 1)$$

Associative

$$\Leftrightarrow p \wedge 1$$

Identity

$$\Leftrightarrow p$$

Identity

Idempotent Laws

$$p \wedge p \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$AA = A$$

$$p \vee p \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$A + A = A$$

Quick Ex: $(\sim p \wedge q) \vee (\sim p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow (\sim p \wedge q)$

Quick Ex: $(A + \bar{B})(A + \bar{B}) = A + \bar{B}$

Complement Laws

$$\sim(\sim p) \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$\overline{\bar{A}} = A$$

$$p \wedge \sim p \Leftrightarrow 0$$

$$A\bar{A} = 0$$

$$p \vee \sim p \Leftrightarrow 1$$

$$A + \bar{A} = 1$$

Quick Ex: $(p \vee q) \wedge \sim(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow 0$

Quick Ex: $ABC + \overline{ABC} = 1$

Ex: Simplify

$$(\sim p \vee 0) \wedge (q \vee \sim q) \wedge (1 \vee r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\sim p \wedge (q \vee \sim q)) \wedge (1 \vee r)$$

Identity

$$\Leftrightarrow (\sim p \wedge 1) \wedge (1 \vee r)$$

Complement

$$\Leftrightarrow \sim p \wedge (1 \vee r)$$

Identity

$$\Leftrightarrow \sim p \wedge 1$$

Identity

$$\Leftrightarrow \sim p$$

Identity

Ex: Simplify

$$(p \wedge \sim p) \vee (p \vee \sim p)$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$0 \vee (p \vee \sim p)$$

Complement

\Leftrightarrow

$$0 \vee 1$$

Complement

\Leftrightarrow

$$1$$

Identity

Ex: Simplify $\sim (p \vee (q \wedge \sim r)) \wedge (p \vee (q \wedge \sim r))$

\Leftrightarrow

$$0$$

Complement

Ex: Simplify $A(\bar{B}B) + B(A + \bar{A})$

$$= A \cdot 0 + B(A + \bar{A}) \quad \text{Complement}$$

$$= A \cdot 0 + B \cdot 1 \quad \text{Complement}$$

$$= 0 + B \quad \text{Identity (twice)}$$

$$= B \quad \text{Identity}$$

Ex: Show that $A \cdot 1 + B\bar{B} = \overline{\bar{A} \cdot 1}$

$$A \cdot 1 + B\bar{B} = A \cdot 1 + 0 \quad \text{Complement}$$

$$= A + 0 \quad \text{Identity}$$

$$= A \quad \text{Identity}$$

$$= \bar{\bar{A}} \quad \text{Complement}$$

$$= \overline{\bar{A} \cdot 1} \quad \text{Identity}$$

Ex = Show that $(p \wedge \sim p) \wedge \sim q \Leftrightarrow p \wedge (q \wedge \sim q)$

$$\begin{aligned} (p \wedge \sim p) \wedge \sim q &\Leftrightarrow 0 \wedge \sim q && \text{Complement} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 0 && \text{Identity} \\ &\Leftrightarrow p \wedge 0 && \text{Identity} \\ &\Leftrightarrow p \wedge (q \wedge \sim q) && \text{Complement} \end{aligned}$$