

Geometry - 2.2 - Logic

- A Statement is any sentence that is either True or False, but not both. The truth or falsity of a statement is called its truth value.
- Statements are often represented with the letters p and q.
- The Negation of a statement has the opposite meaning as well as the opposite truth value. The negation of a statement p is not p, or, in symbols, $\sim p$.
- Two or more statements can be joined together to form a Compound statement.
- A Conjunction is a compound statement formed by joining two or more statements with the word and. The conjunction of two statements p and q is p and q , or, in symbols, $p \wedge q$.
- A Disjunction is a compound statement formed by joining two or more statements with the word or. The disjunction of two statements p and q is p or q , or, in symbols, $p \vee q$.

- A conjunction is only true when all of its statements are true.

Ex 1 - Use the following statements to write a compound statement for each conjunction. Then find its truth value.

- T p : A heptagon has 7 sides.
F q : $-18 + (-17) = 35 \rightarrow (-35)$
T r : Ottawa is the capital of Canada.

a) p and q = a heptagon has 7 sides, and $-18 + (-17) = 35$

$(p \wedge q)$ False \rightarrow Both must be true with conjunctions

b) $r \wedge p$ = Ottawa is the capital of Canada, and a heptagon has 7 sides.

$(r \wedge p)$ True \rightarrow Both are true, so it is a conjunction

c) p and not q

$(p \wedge \sim q)$ = a heptagon has 7 sides, and $-18 + (-17) \neq 35$
True

d) $\sim r \wedge p$ = Ottawa is Not the capital of Canada, and a heptagon has 7 sides.

$(\sim r \wedge p)$ False

- A Truth tables is a convenient way to organize truth values of statements.

Ex 3 - Construct a truth table for each compound statement.

a) $\sim p \vee q$ ^{OR}

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P	q	$\sim p$	$\sim p \vee q$
T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T

b) $\sim p \wedge \sim q$ ^{← and}

P	q	$\sim p$	$\sim q$	$\sim p \wedge \sim q$
T	T	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

c) $(p \vee q) \wedge r$

P	q	$p \vee q$	r	$(p \vee q) \wedge r$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	T	F	F
T	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	F	T	F
F	F	F	F	F

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