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P : 18 is even

Q : 18 is a multiple of 3

R : 18 is a multiple of 5

Let P and Q be statements.

P and Q is a new statement that is True if **both** P and Q are True; and false otherwise.

P and Q true
18 is even and 18 is a multiple of 3

P and R False
18 is not a multiple of 5

P or Q is a new statement that is True if **either** P or Q , or **both**, are True; and false otherwise.

P or R is true
 R false and P true

P and Q true

Not P is a new statement that is True if P is False, and False if P is True.

Not P is the statement

18 is NOT even

P true NOT P is False

Negation of P means the same as Not P .

And

P and Q can be written $P \wedge Q$ (compare with set intersection).

\wedge : and $P \wedge Q$ means P and Q

intersection $A \cap B$

$$A \cap B = \{x, x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}.$$

$x \in A$ is a statement

$(x \in A)$ and $(x \in B)$ could be written

$$(x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)$$

$$A \cap B = \{x: (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)\}$$

OR

P or Q can be written $P \vee Q$ (compare with set union)

P or Q $P \vee Q$

$$\begin{aligned} A \cup B &= \{x: x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\} \\ &= \{x: (x \in A) \vee (x \in B)\} \end{aligned}$$

Not

Not P can be written $\sim P$, or sometimes $\neg P$.

$\sim P$

$\neg P$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{X} &= \{x: x \notin X\} \\ &= \{x: \sim(x \in X)\}\end{aligned}$$

($X \subseteq U$ universal set).

Examples

Write the open sentences $x \neq y$ and $y \geq x$ as P and Q, P or Q, or not P.

$$x \neq y$$

$P(x, y)$ be the open sentence $x = y$.

$x \neq y$ is $\sim P(x, y)$.

$y \geq x$ means $y > x$ or $y = x$.

$P(x, y)$ is " $y > x$ "

$Q(x, y)$ is " $y = x$ "

$y \geq x$ is " $P(x, y)$ or $Q(x, y)$ ".

Example

Express the following in the form $P \wedge Q$, $P \vee Q$ or $\sim P$.

$$A \in \{X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) : |\bar{X}| < \infty\}$$

$|\bar{X}| < \infty$:

$$X = \{3, 4, 5, \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$$

$$\bar{X} = \{1, 2\} \text{ finite}$$

$$Y = \{\text{even numbers}\}$$

$$\bar{Y} = \{\text{odd numbers}\} \quad |\bar{Y}| = \infty$$

$A \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ meaning $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$.

① $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ P

② $|\bar{A}| < \infty : \bar{A} = \mathbb{N} - A$ Q

$|\mathbb{N} - A|$ is finite.

Our statement is $P \wedge Q$ open sentence

Truth Tables

Truth tables are an effective way to keep track of combinations of statements.

P	Q	P and Q
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

P	Q	P or Q
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

P	Not P
T	F
F	T

"Formulas"