



# 离散数学 (011122)



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- **Proposition:** A statement that can be judged as true or false.
- **Truth value of a proposition:** The result of the judgment, either true or false.
- **True proposition:** A proposition with a truth value of true.
- **False proposition:** A proposition with a truth value of false.

 **Note:** Exclamatory sentences, imperative sentences, and interrogative sentences are not propositions. Also, paradoxes in declarative sentences or those with indeterminate judgment results are not propositions.

e.g. >>> Example: Which of the following sentences are propositions?

(1) The capital of the People's Republic of China is Beijing. True proposition

(2)  $2 + 3 = 6$ .

False proposition

(3)  $x + y > 8$ .

Undecided True Value

(4) Can you play tennis?

Interrogative sentences

(5) There is life on planets other than Earth.. Indeterminate judgment results

(6) This !

Exclamatory sentences

(7) Please close the door!

Imperative sentences

(8) I am lying.

Paradoxes

**(1), (2), (5) are propositions. (3), (4), (6)~(8) are not propositions.**

- **Simple Proposition (Atomic Proposition):** A proposition formed by simple statements.
  - **Symbolization of Simple Propositions:** Symbolization of simple propositions: Represented by  $p, q, r, \dots, p_i, q_i, r_i$  (where  $i \geq 1$ ). '1' represents true, and '0' represents false.
- **Compound Proposition:**  
A statement formed by connecting simple propositions with logical connectives.  
**Examples:**
  - (1) If the weather is good tomorrow, we will play ball.  
Let  $p$ : The weather will be good tomorrow, and  $q$ : We will play ball. **If  $p$ , then  $q$ .**
  - (2) Luffy is drinking milk tea and scrolling through his phone.  
Let  $p$ : Luffy is drinking milk tea, and  $q$ : Luffy is scrolling through his phone.  **$p$  and  $q$ .**

### ↳ 2.1.1 Propositions and Connectives • $\neg$ and $\wedge$

- **Definition 2.1:** "Non- $p$ " (or "the negation of  $p$ ") is called the *negation* of  $p$ , denoted as  $\neg p$ . The symbol  $\neg$  is the negation connective, and it is defined such that  $\neg p$  is true if and only if  $p$  is false.

**Example:**

- $p$ : 2 is a composite number.  $\neg p$ : 2 is not a composite number.
- Since 2 is actually a prime number,  $p$  is false, and therefore  $\neg p$  is true.

- **Definition 2.2:**

" $p$  and  $q$ " (or " $p$  with  $q$ ") is called the *conjunction* of  $p$  and  $q$ , denoted as  $p \wedge q$ . The symbol  $\wedge$  is the conjunction connective, and it is defined such that  $p \wedge q$  is true if and only if both  $p$  and  $q$  are true simultaneously.

**Example:**

- $p$ : 2 is an even number.  $q$ : 2 is a prime number.
- $p \wedge q$ : 2 is an even prime number.
- Since 2 is indeed both even and prime, both  $p$  and  $q$  are true, so  $p \wedge q$  is also true

Symbolize the following propositions.

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| (1) Wang Xiao is smart and hardworking.                         | (1) $p \wedge q$<br>(Let $p$ : Wang Xiao is smart, $q$ : Wang Xiao is hardworking.)                           |
| (2) Wang Xiao is not only smart but also hardworking.           | (2) $p \wedge q$  |
| (3) Wang Xiao is smart, but not hardworking.                    | (3) $p \wedge \neg q$   |
| (4) Wang Xiao is not unintelligent, but rather not hardworking. | (4) $\neg (\neg p) \wedge \neg q$   |
| (5) Both Zhang Hui and Wang Li are outstanding students.        | (5) $r \wedge s$<br>(Let $r$ : Zhang Hui is an outstanding student, $s$ : Wang Li is an outstanding student.) |
| (6) Zhang Hui and Wang Li are classmates                        | (6) $t$ (A simple proposition, "and" connects two nouns, the entire sentence is a simple proposition.)        |

### ↳ 2.1.1 Propositions and Connectives • $\vee$

- **Definition 2.3:** " $p$  or  $q$ " is called the disjunctive form of  $p$  and  $q$ , denoted as  $p \vee q$ . The symbol  $\vee$  is called *the Disjunction connective*, and  $p \vee q$  is false if and only if both  $p$  and  $q$  are false.

*e.g.* >>> Example: Wang Yan has studied English or French.

Let  $p$ : Wang Yan has studied English,

$q$ : Wang Yan has studied French.

Symbolized as  $p \vee q$ .

### ↳ 2.1.1 Propositions and Connectives • Inclusive or vs. Exclusive

- The English term for " $\vee$ " is "inclusive" (Inclusive), corresponding to the "or" in everyday language. The English term for " $\wedge$ " is "exclusive" (Exclusive), corresponding to the "and" in everyday language. "Inclusive or" and "exclusive or" are their combined forms.

*e.g.* >>> Example: This task is to be done by either Zhang San or Li Si. Let  $p$ : Zhang San does this task,  $q$ : Li Si does this task. It should be symbolized as:

$$(1) (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q).$$

$$(2) p \oplus q$$

$$(3) P \text{ XOR } q$$

e.g. >>> Example: Symbolize the following propositions:

- (1) 2 is a prime number or 4 is a prime number.
- (2) 2 is a prime number or 3 is a prime number.
- (3) 4 is a prime number or 6 is a prime number.

**Solve:** Let:

$p$ : 2 is a prime number,

$q$ : 3 is a prime number,

$r$ : 4 is a prime number,

$s$ : 6 is a prime number.

$$(1) p \vee r, \quad 1 \vee 0 = 1$$

$$(2) p \vee q, \quad 1 \vee 1 = 1$$

$$(3) r \vee s, \quad 0 \vee 0 = 0$$

### ↳ 2.1.1 Propositions and Connectives • $\vee$ (e.g.)

e.g. >>> Example: Symbolize the following propositions:

(4) Yuan Yuan can take an apple or a pear.

**Solve:** Let:

$t$ : Yuan Yuan takes an apple,

$u$ : Yuan Yuan takes a pear.

$$(t \wedge \neg u) \vee (\neg t \wedge u)$$

(5) Wang Xiaohong was born in 1975 or 1976

**Solve:** Let:

$v$ : Wang Xiaohong was born in 1975,

$w$ : Wang Xiaohong was born in 1976.

$$(v \wedge \neg w) \vee (\neg v \wedge w)$$

Can logical expression  
“ $(v \wedge \neg w) \vee (\neg v \wedge w)$ ”  
be converted to  
“ $v \vee w$ ”?