

Discrete Mathematics:

is about (e.g.):

- logic
- sets
- trees
- graphs

"Discrete" means the elements are separated.
instead of varying continuously like in calc.

LOGIC:

Example (on a menu):

"... cones with bacon or sausage and toast"

could mean either [bacon or sausage] and toast

or bacon or [sausage and toast]

to a computer.

- From our knowledge of food + menus we know
you can get bacon \wedge toast OR sausage \wedge toast.

Propositional Logic: (Rosen 1.1)

- The aim is to systematize deduction

A proposition is a declarative sentence that makes a claim either true or false.

(at some agreed upon time and place, real or not)

examples. "Today is Monday." (True)

" $2+2=3$ " (False)

" $2+x=3$ " (not a proposition unless x was previously defined)

"for all integers x , $2+x=3$ " (FALSE)

"You should get more sleep" (could be a proposition if we were clear what "should" means, otherwise no.)

"Eat your veggies!"

not declarative \therefore not proposition

"Will you marry me?"

not prop.

Propositions are denoted p, q, r, s, \dots

Compound Propositions are made from shorter ones using logical connectives. ($\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$)

Example: $p \vee \neg q$ means "P or not Q"

Negation $\neg P$ means "not P" or "It's not the case that P is true"

Example: p : "Today is Monday"

$\neg p$: "Today is not Monday"

q : " $2x < x^2$ for all real numbers x " (F)

$\neg q$: "It's not the case that $2x < x^2$ for all real numbers x "

truth table:

q	$\neg q$
T	F
F	T

Conjunction: $p \wedge q$ means "p and q"
(sometimes as "p but q")

truth table:

p	q	$p \wedge q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

example: "I took my umbrella, but it didn't rain."

p : "I took my umbrella" $\Rightarrow p \wedge \neg q$
 q : "It rained"

Disjunction $p \vee q$ means "p or q"

It's INCLUSIVE or, i.e. p or q or both

truth table:

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Exclusive or: $p \oplus q$ means "p or q but NOT both"

p	q	$p \oplus q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Implication (conditional) $p \rightarrow q$ means "p implies q" or "If p then q"

Truth table

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

ex. p: I will get elected

q: I will lower taxes

$p \rightarrow q$: If I get elected, I will lower taxes

other ways to express $p \rightarrow q$:

"p only if q"

" $p \rightarrow q$ is not the same as $q \rightarrow p$ "

T.T.

p	q	$q \rightarrow p$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	F
F	F	T

They're not logically equal.

Example: If it rains, then the sidewalk is wet.

p q

$$p \rightarrow q$$

$q \rightarrow p$ "If the sidewalk is wet, then it rains."

Other ways to express $p \rightarrow q$:

" q if p "

" q when p "

" p is sufficient for q "

Biconditional: $p \leftrightarrow q$ means "if and only if"

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$	note:	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$
T	T	T		T	T
T	F	F		F	T
F	T	F		T	F
F	F	T		T	T

$p \leftrightarrow q$ is logically the same as " $p \rightarrow q$ " and " $q \rightarrow p$ "

$p \leftrightarrow q$ written "iff"

Example: If you finish veggies, you may have dessert.

p q

$$p \rightarrow q$$