Mathematical logic

Discrete Structure

Example1 : Consider the following four statements:

- (1) Ice floats in water and 2 + 2 = 4.
- (2) Ice floats in water and 2 + 2 = 5. \Box
- (3) China is in Europe and 2 + 2 = 4.
- (4) China is in Europe and 2 + 2 = 5.

Only the first statement is true. Each of the others is false since at least one of its sub statements is false.

Example2: Consider the following four statements:

(1) Ice floats in water or 2 + 2 = 4.

- (2) Ice floats in water or 2 + 2 = 5.
- (3) China is in Europe or 2 + 2 = 4.
- --(4) China is in Europe or 2 + 2 = 5.

Only the last statement (iv) is false. Each of the others is true since at least one of its sub statements is true.

Example3 : Consider the following six statements:

I (a1) Ice floats in water.

(a2) It is false that ice floats in water.

 $\varphi \rightarrow (a3)$ Ice does not float in water.

(b1) 2 + 2 =5

(b2) It is false that 2 + 2 = 5.

T~ (b3) 2 + 2 ≠5

Then (a2) and (a3) are each the negation of (a1); and (b2) and (b3) are

each the negation of (b1).

Since (a1) is true, (a2) and (a3) are false; and since (b1) is false, (b2) and (b3) are true.

4. Proposition AND Truth Tables

The truth table for the compound proposition $\neg(p \land \neg q)$ is:

p	9	$\neg q$	$p \land \neg q$	$\neg (p \land \neg q)$
т	Т	F	F	Т
Т	F	T	Т	F
F	Т	F	F	Т
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