

Truth Table

p	q	$p \vee q$	$\neg(p \wedge q)$	$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$
T	T	T	F	F
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	F

We want to find the inverse of this **$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$** which would be finding the inverse of the “exclusive or”.

I believe **$\neg(p \vee q) \vee (p \wedge q)$** works but I’m wondering if it’s the simplest possible case.

Is there a way to go from conjunctions (\wedge) to disjunctions (\vee) using nots (\neg)?

$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$	$\neg(p \vee q) \vee (p \wedge q)$
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$\neg(p \vee q)$	$p \wedge q$	$\neg(p \vee q) \vee (p \wedge q)$
F	T	T
F	F	F
F	F	F
T	F	T

What happens when we bring recursion into this? i.e. we plug entire statements in as p or q recursively. What happens to the truth tables?

$\neg(p \wedge q)$	$p \vee q$	$\neg(p \vee q)$	$p \wedge q$
F	T	F	T
T	T	F	F
T	T	F	F
T	F	T	F

Original	\neg Distributed	$\vee \rightarrow \wedge$	Both
$\neg(p \vee q) \vee (p \wedge q)$	$(p \vee q) \vee \neg(p \wedge q)$	$\neg(p \vee q) \wedge (p \wedge q)$	$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$
T	T	F	F
F	T	F	T
F	T	F	T
T	T	F	F

Is it true that if you distribute and alternate between conjunction and disjunction all truth table values will alternate?

So, let's say you have an implication statement $p \rightarrow q$, if p is always false then this statement is true. If you have a contradiction in p , then this statement is always true. This is nonsense, no? Can the two really be connected? What's the use of such a statement?

Apparently yes, these are called Demorgan's laws. Look at it visually.