

The following are translations of logic ideas into set theory ideas.

The symbols p , q , and r denote arbitrary statements, and \mathbf{T} and \mathbf{F} denote “True” and “False” respectively. Let A , B , and C denote sets and let U denote a “universal set” (i.e. U is the set theoretic version of \mathbf{T}). The idea below is to translate a statement p into the set theory statement $x \in A$, etc.

Name	Logic	Sets
Double Negation Law	$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	$(A^c)^c = A$
Negation Laws	$p \vee (\neg p) \equiv \mathbf{T}$ $p \wedge (\neg p) \equiv \mathbf{F}$	$A \cup A^c = U$ $A \cap A^c = \emptyset$
Idempotence Laws	$p \vee p \equiv p$ $p \wedge p \equiv p$	$A \cup A = A$ $A \cap A = A$
Identity Laws	$p \wedge \mathbf{T} \equiv p$ $p \vee \mathbf{F} \equiv p$	$A \cap U = A$ $A \cup \emptyset = A$
Domination Laws	$p \vee \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T}$ $p \wedge \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}$	$A \cup U = U$ $A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$
Commutative Laws	$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$ $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	$A \cup B = B \cup A$ $A \cap B = B \cap A$
Associative Laws	$p \vee (q \vee r) \equiv (p \vee q) \vee r$ $p \wedge (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \wedge r$	$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$ $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$
Distributive Laws	$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
De Morgan’s Laws	$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv (\neg p) \wedge (\neg q)$ $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv (\neg p) \vee (\neg q)$	$(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$ $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$
\oplus -Definition	$p \oplus q \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (\neg(p \wedge q))$	$A \Delta B = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cap B)^c$
Material Implication	$p \rightarrow q \equiv (\neg p) \vee q$	$A \subseteq B$ if and only if $U = A^c \cup B$
Contraposition	$p \rightarrow q \equiv (\neg q) \rightarrow (\neg p)$	$A \subseteq B$ if and only if $B^c \subseteq A^c$
Biconditional Expansion	$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$	$A = B$ if and only if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$
Modus Ponens	$p \rightarrow q, p \therefore q$	If $A \subseteq B$ and $x \in A$, then $x \in B$.
Modus Tollens	$p \rightarrow q, \neg q \therefore \neg p$	If $A \subseteq B$ and $x \notin B$, then $x \notin A$.
Disjunctive Syllogism	$p \vee q, \neg p \therefore q$	If $x \in A \cup B$ and $x \notin A$, then $x \in B$.
Hypothetical Syllogism	$p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow r \therefore p \rightarrow r$	If $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$, then $A \subseteq C$.
Reductio Ad Absurdum	$p \rightarrow (q \wedge (\neg q)) \therefore \neg p$	If $A \subseteq \emptyset$, then $A = \emptyset$.
Conjunctive Addition	$p, q \therefore p \wedge q$	If $x \in A$ and $x \in B$, then $x \in A \cap B$.
Conjunctive Simplification	$p \wedge q \therefore p$	$A \cap B \subseteq A$
Disjunctive Addition	$p \therefore p \vee q$	$A \subseteq A \cup B$