

Mathematical Logic

Announcements

- Problem Set 1 graded, will be returned at the end of class.
- Problem Set 2 due Friday at 2:15PM.
 - Drop by office hours with questions!
 - Email us at cs103@cs.stanford.edu with questions!

An Important Question

How do we formalize the logic we've been using in our proofs?

Where We're Going

- **Propositional Logic (Today)**
 - Basic logical connectives.
 - Truth tables.
 - Logical equivalences.
 - A simple proof calculus.
- **First-Order Logic (Friday/Monday)**
 - Reasoning about properties of multiple objects.

Propositional Logic

A **proposition** is a statement that is,
by itself, either true or false.

Some Sample Propositions

- There is a velociraptor outside my apartment.
- I don't like velociraptors.
- Velociraptors can open windows.
- Velociraptors can run faster than me.
- I am in my apartment right now.
- My apartment has windows.
- Velociraptors think I am tasty.

Some More Propositions

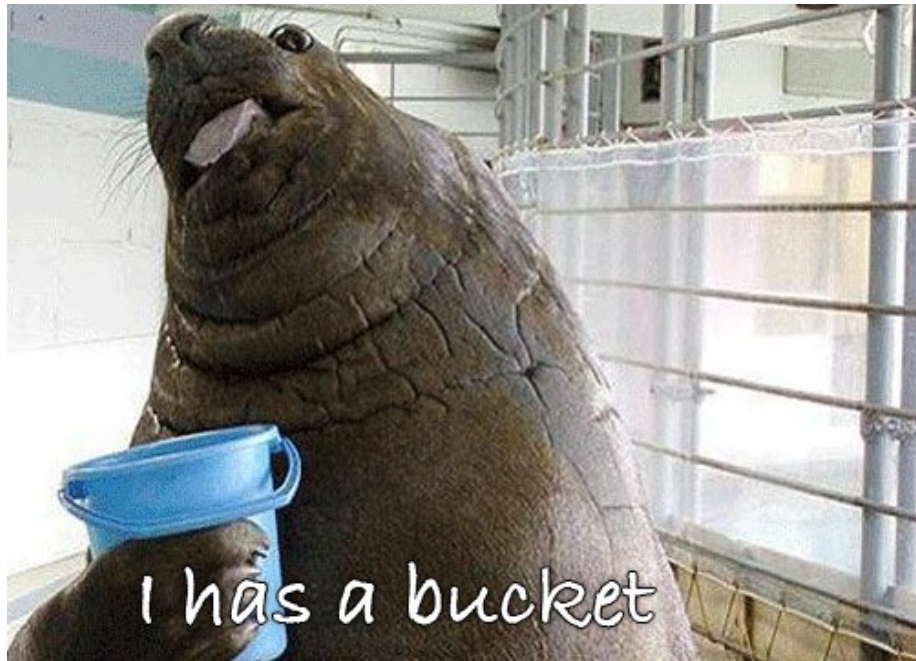
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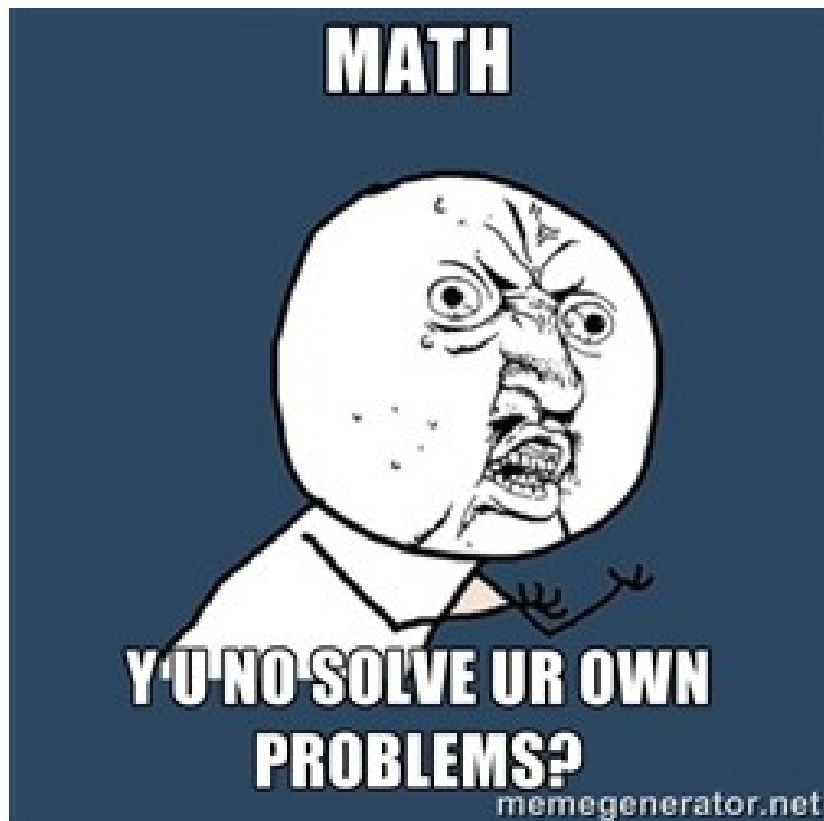


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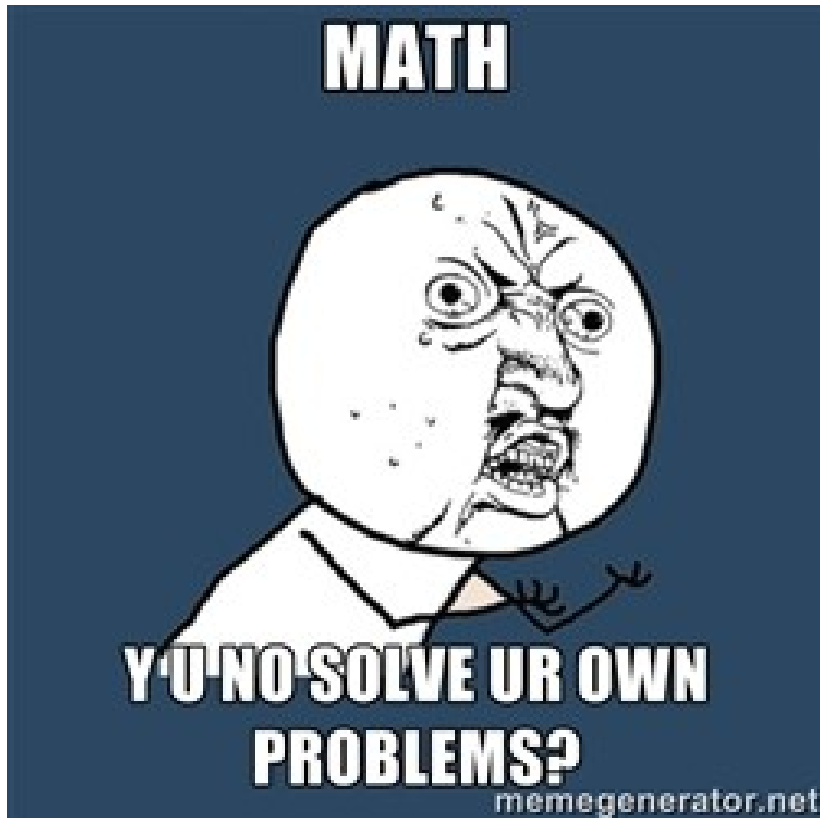


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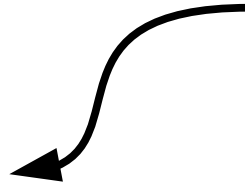
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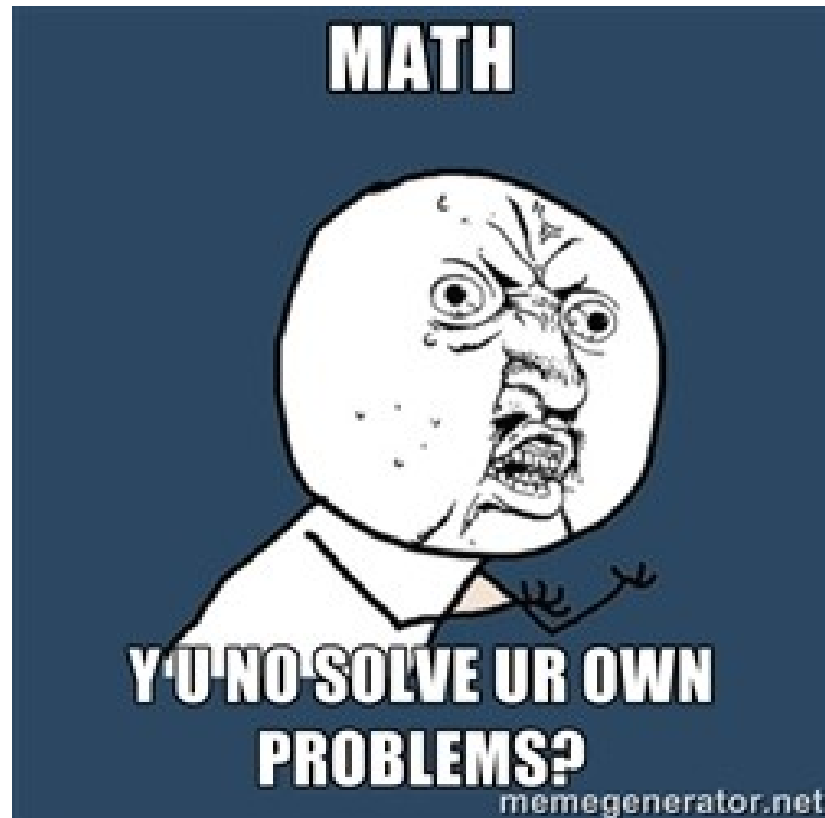
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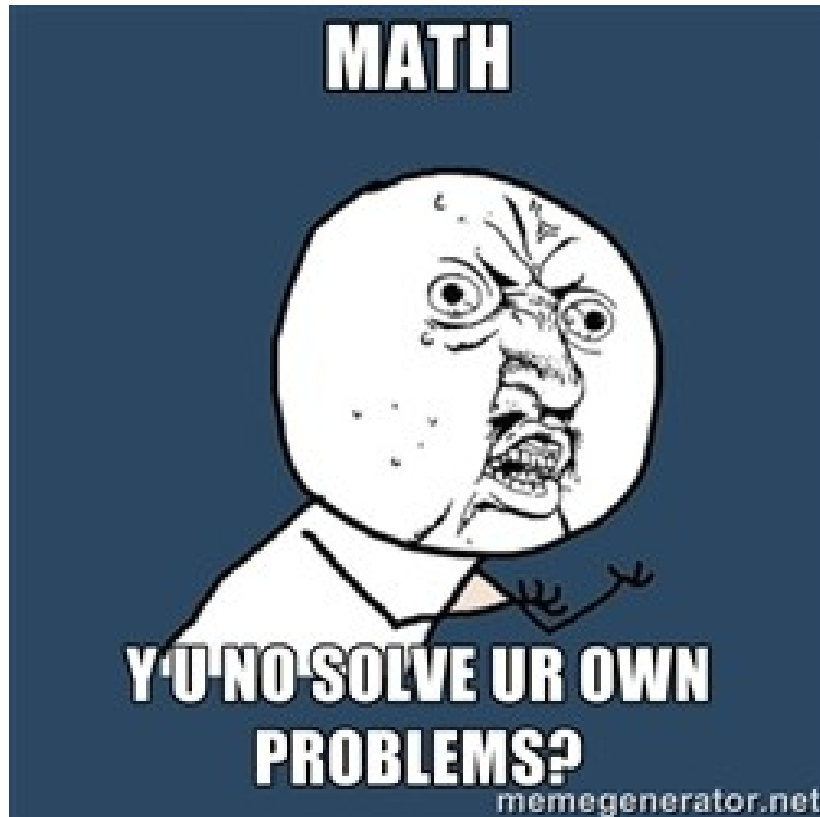
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Commands
cannot be true
or false

Propositional Logic

- **Propositional logic** is a mathematical system for reasoning about propositions and how they relate to one another.
- Propositional logic enables us to
 - Formally encode how the truth of various propositions influences the truth of other propositions.
 - Determine if certain combinations of propositions are always, sometimes, or never true.
 - Determine whether certain combinations of propositions logically entail other combinations.

Variables and Connectives

- Propositional logic is a **formal mathematical system** whose syntax is rigidly specified.
- Every statement in propositional logic consists of **propositional variables** combined via **logical connectives**.
 - Each variable represents some proposition, such as “I am near a velociraptor” or “I will be eaten by a velociraptor.”
 - Connectives encode how propositions are related, such as “If I am near a velociraptor, I will be eaten by a velociraptor.”

Propositional Variables

- Each proposition will be represented by a **propositional variable**.
- Propositional variables are usually represented as lower-case letters, such as p , q , r , s , etc.
 - If we need more, we can use subscripts: p_1 , p_2 , etc.
- Each variable can take one of two values – true and false.

Logical Connectives

- **Logical NOT:** $\neg p$
 - Read “not p”
 - $\neg p$ is true if and only if p is false.
 - Also called **logical negation**.
- **Logical AND:** $p \wedge q$
 - Read “p and q.”
 - $p \wedge q$ is true if both p and q are true.
 - Also called **logical conjunction**.
- **Logical OR:** $p \vee q$
 - Read “p or q.”
 - $p \vee q$ is true if at least one of p or q are true.
 - Also called **logical disjunction**.

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If p is false and q is false, then "both p and q " is false.

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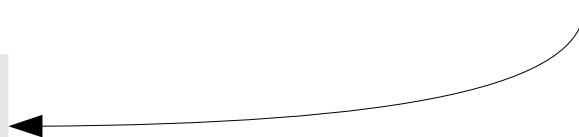
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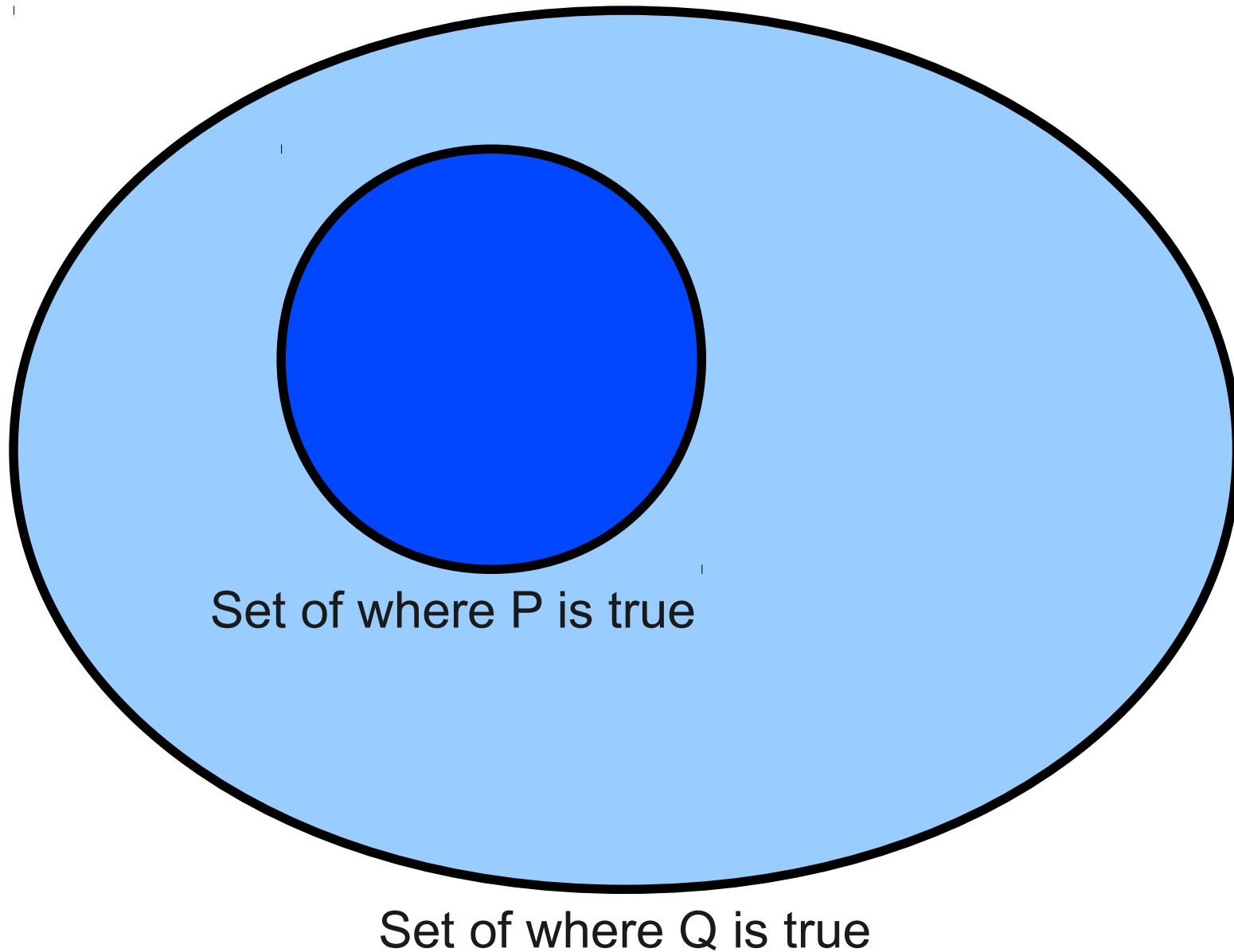
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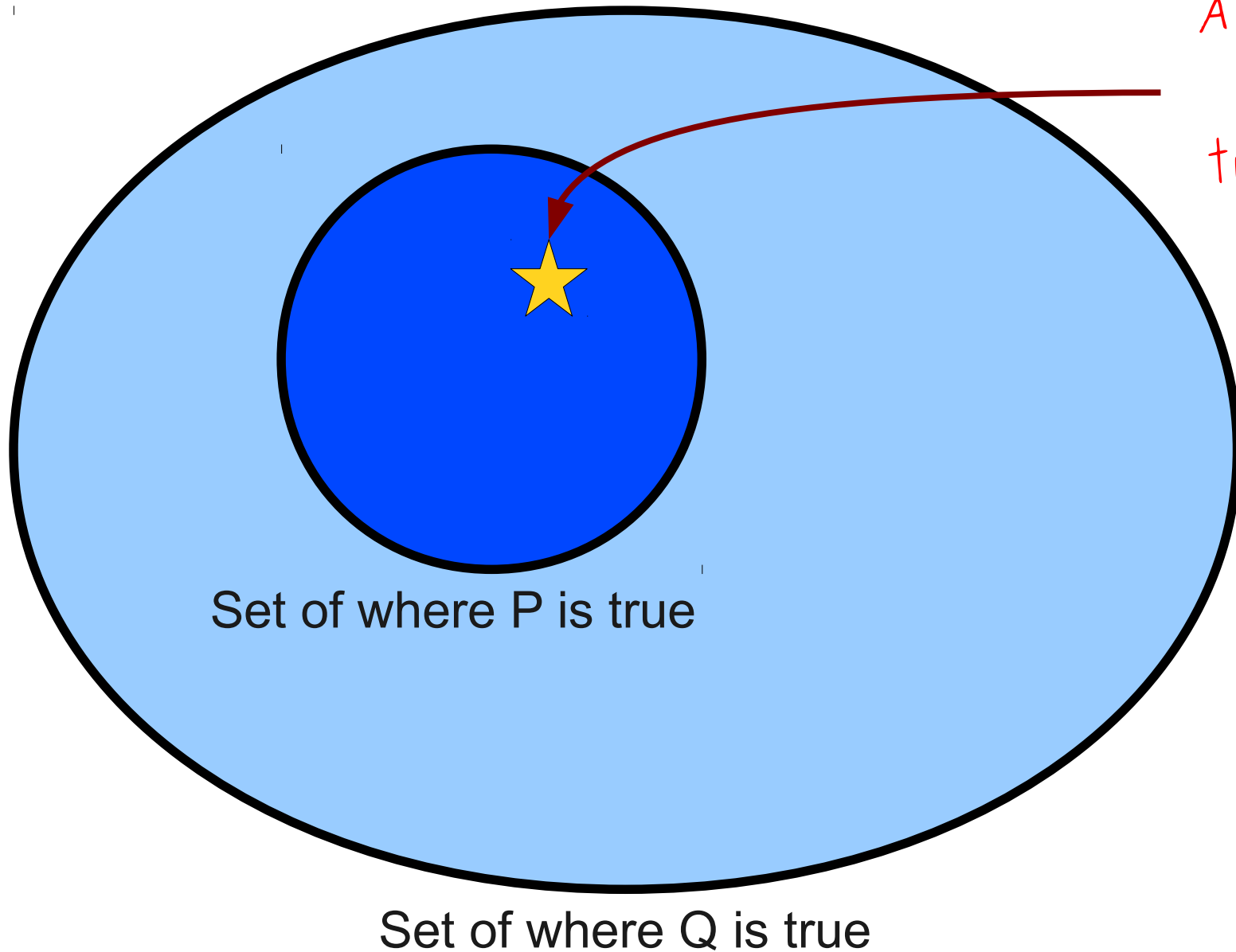
Implication

- An important connective is logical implication:
 $p \rightarrow q$.
- Recall: $p \rightarrow q$ means “if p is true, q is true as well.”
- Recall: $p \rightarrow q$ says **nothing** about what happens if p is false.
- Recall: $p \rightarrow q$ says **nothing** about causality; it just says that whenever p is true, q will be true as well.

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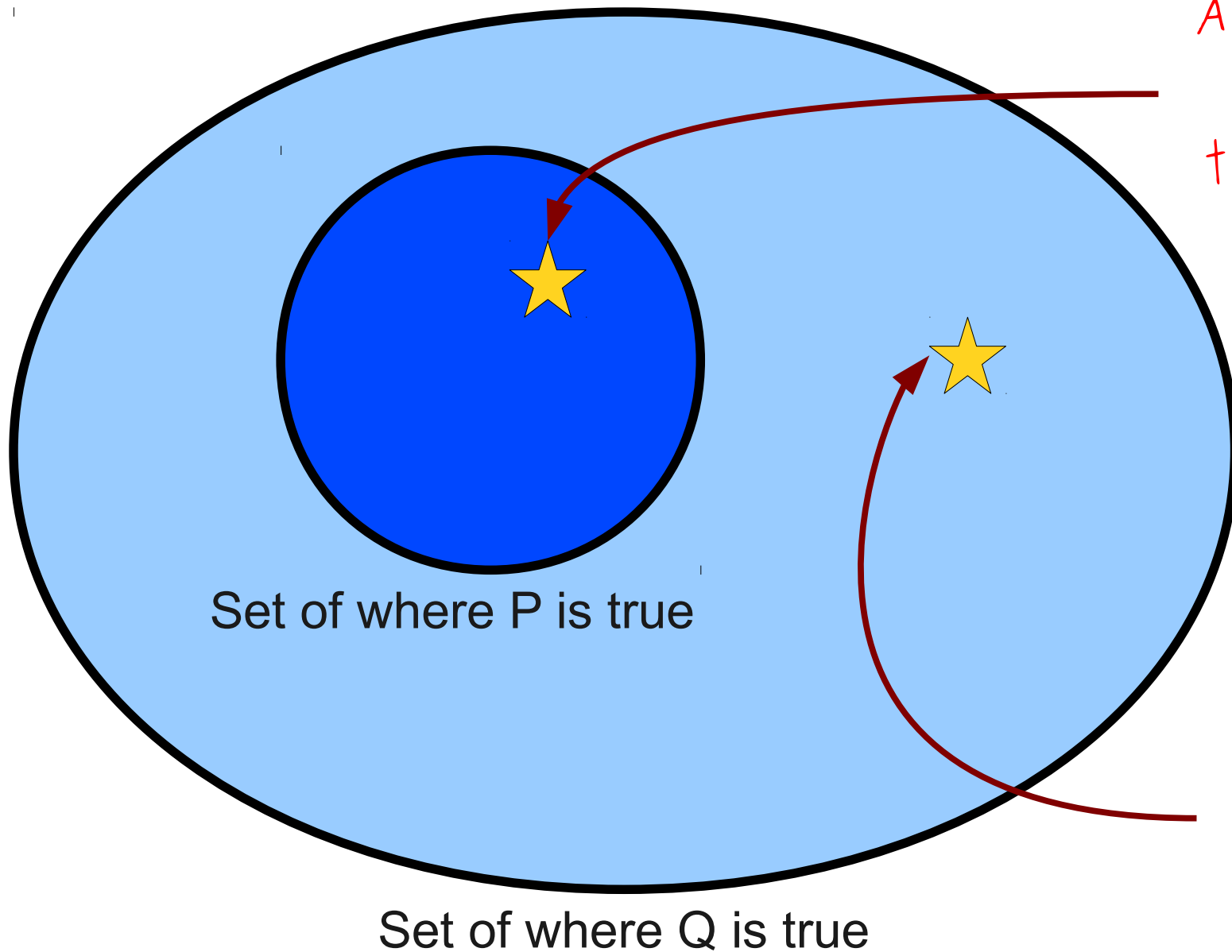


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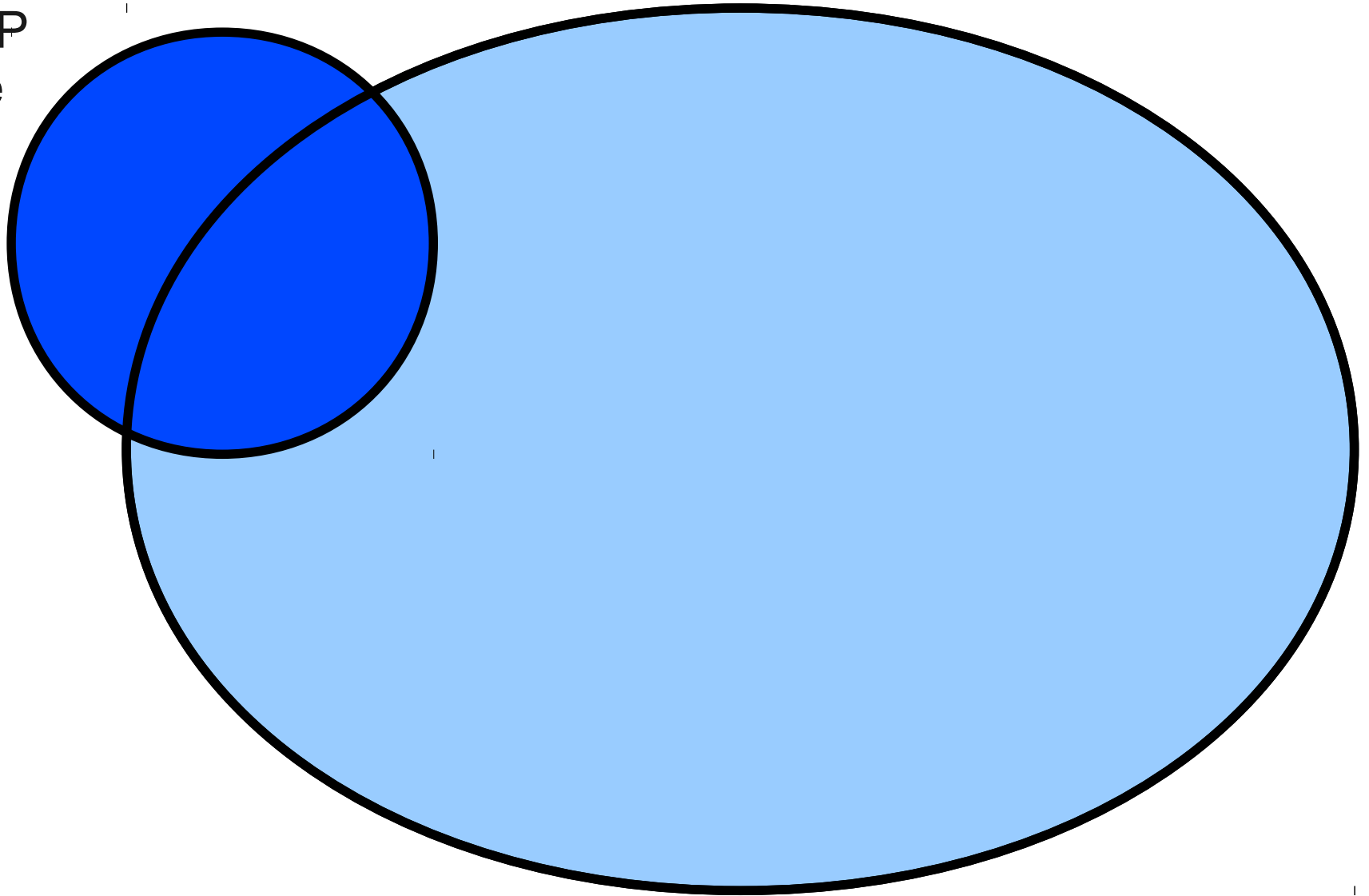
Any time P isn't true, Q may or may not be true.

When p Does Not Imply q

- $p \rightarrow q$ means “whenever p is true, q is true as well.”
- Recall: The **only way** for $p \rightarrow q$ to be false is if we know that p is true but q is false.
- Rationale:
 - If p is false, $p \rightarrow q$ doesn't guarantee anything. It's true, but it's not **meaningful**.
 - If p is true and q is true, then the statement “if p is true, then q is also true” is itself true.
 - If p is true and q is false, then the statement “if p is true, q is also true” is false.

$P \rightarrow Q$ is false

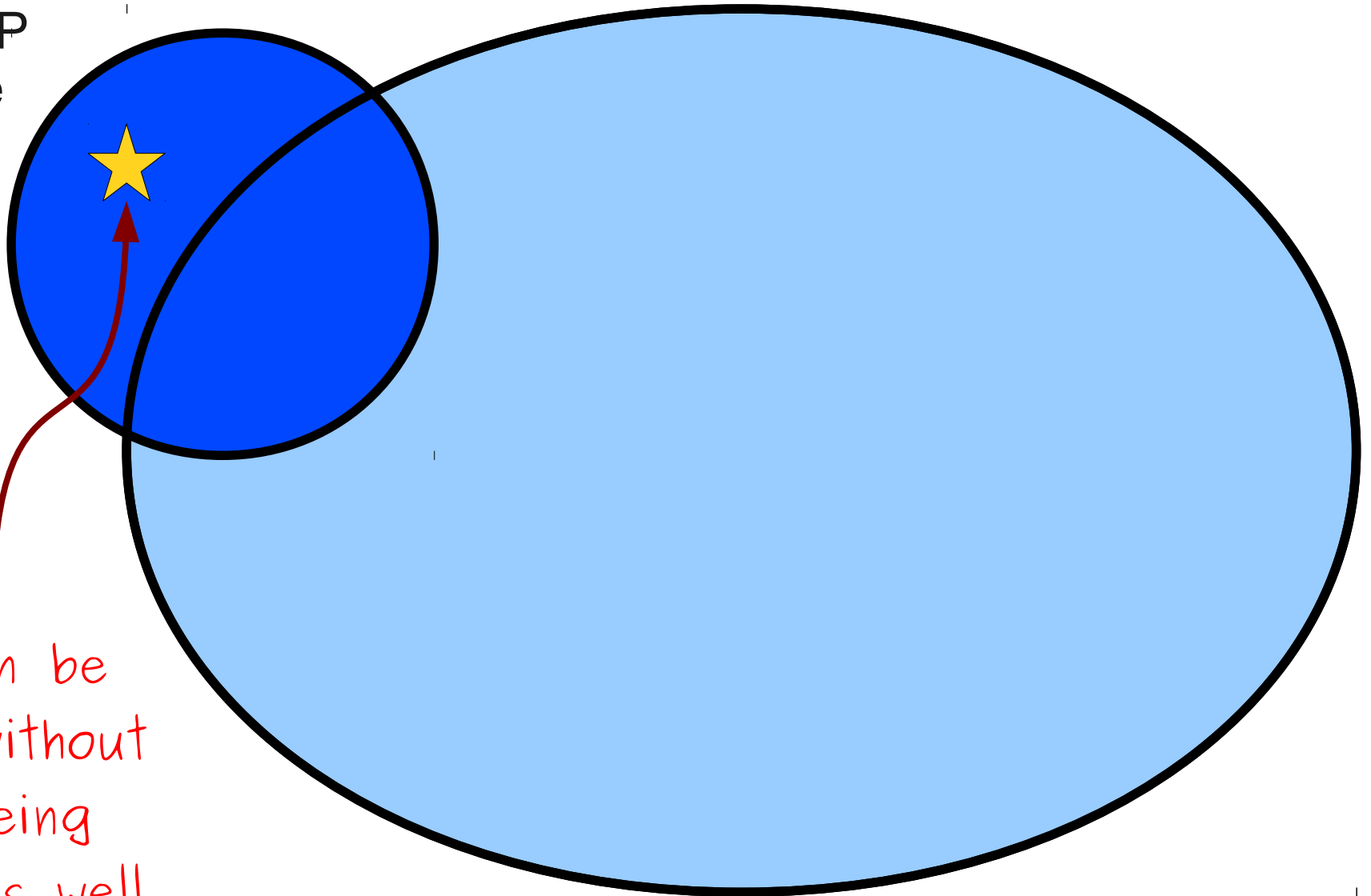
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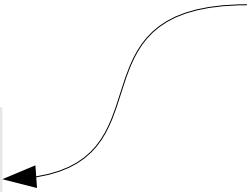
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One interpretation of \leftrightarrow is to think of it as equality: the two propositions must have equal truth values.

True and False

- There are two more “connectives” to speak of: true and false.
- The symbol \top is a value that is always true.
- The symbol \perp is value that is always false.
- These are often called connectives, though they don't connect anything.
 - (Or rather, they connect zero things.)

Operator Precedence

- How do we parse this statement?

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Recap So Far

- A **propositional variable** is a variable that is either true or false.
- The logical connectives are
 - Negation: $\neg p$
 - Conjunction: $p \wedge q$
 - Disjunction: $p \vee q$
 - Implication: $p \rightarrow q$
 - Biconditional: $p \leftrightarrow q$
 - True: \top
 - False: \perp

Translating into Propositional Logic

Some Sample Propositions

- a: There is a velociraptor outside my apartment.
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“p if q”

translates to

$$q \rightarrow p$$

It does **not** translate to

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The Takeaway Point

- When translating into or out of propositional logic, be very careful not to get tripped up by the nuances of the English language.
- Many prepositions lead to counterintuitive translations; make sure to double-check yourself!

Logical Equivalence

More Elaborate Truth Tables

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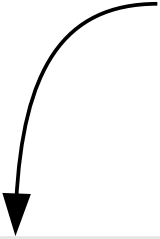
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We can't evaluate this until we have a value for $p \rightarrow q$.

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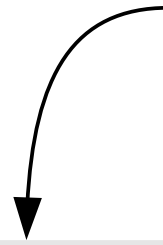
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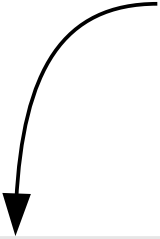
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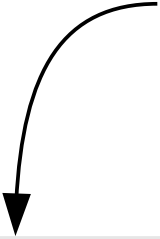
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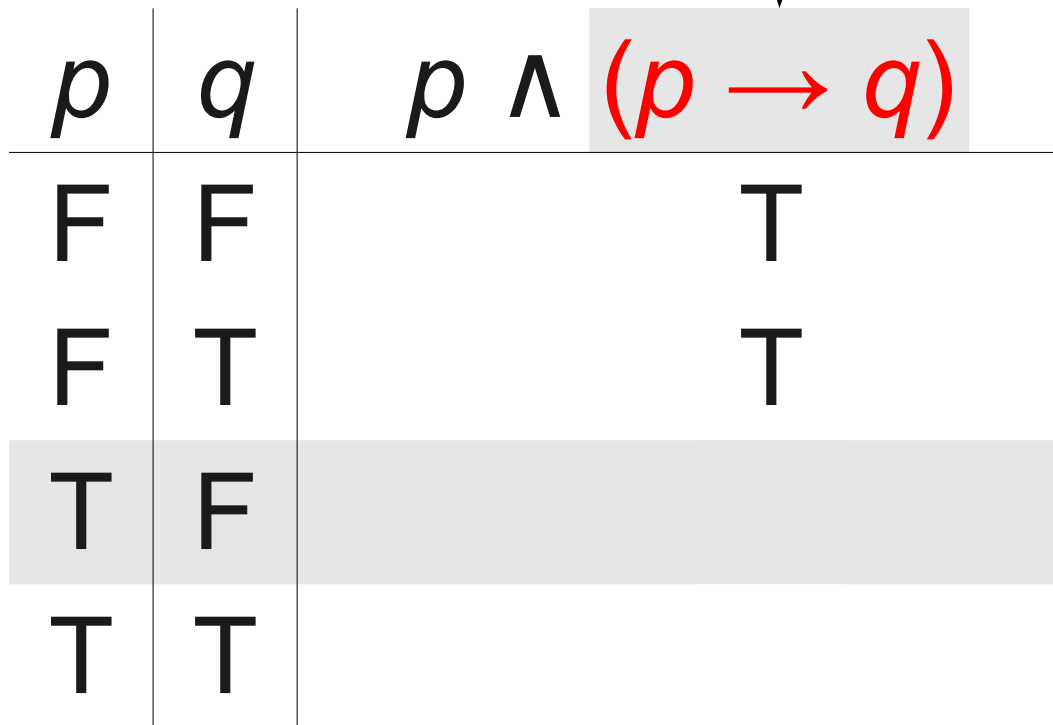
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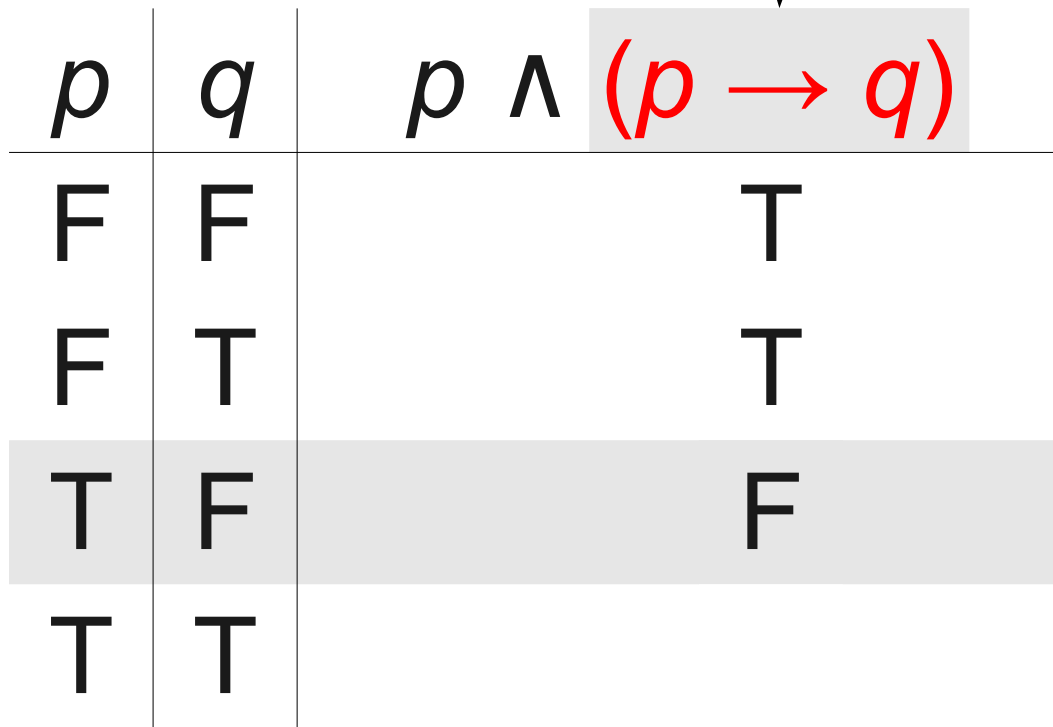
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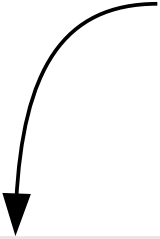
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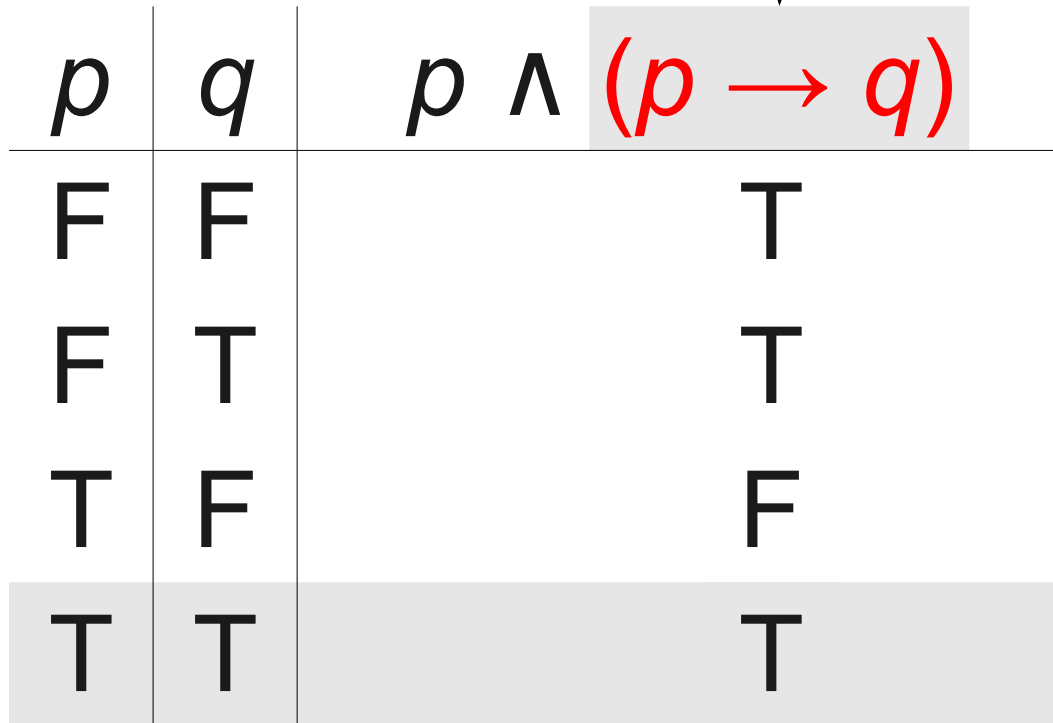
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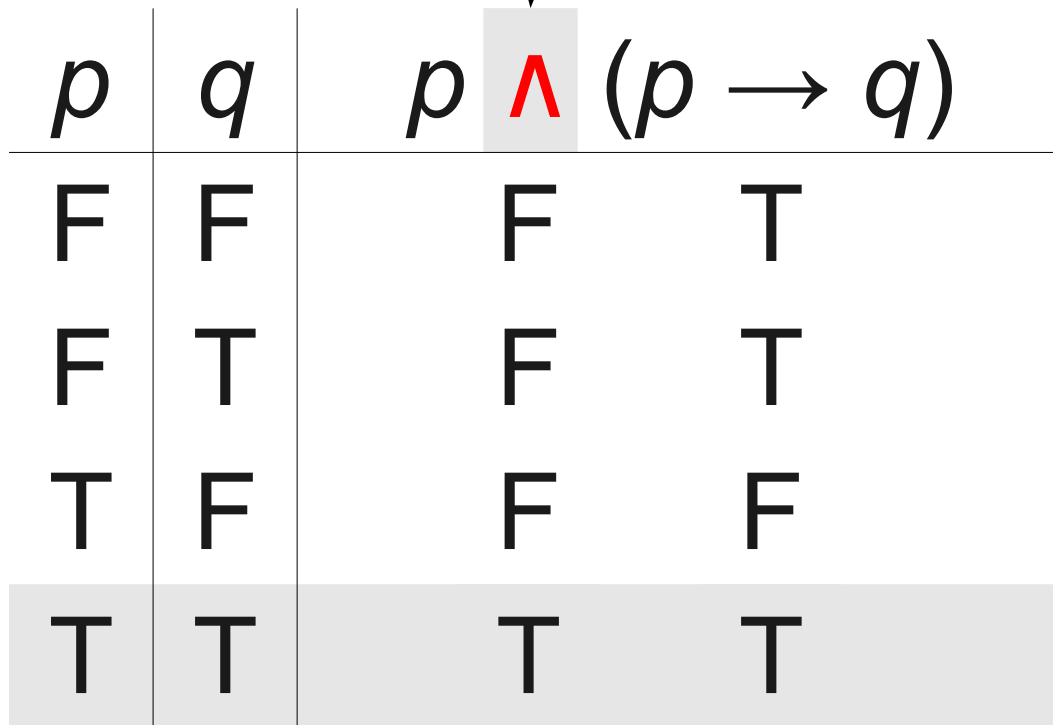
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This gives the final truth value for the expression.

p	q	$p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$
F	F	F
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

Negations

- $p \wedge q$ is false if and only if $\neg(p \wedge q)$ is true.
- Intuitively, this is only possible if either p is false or q is false (or both!)
- In propositional logic, we can write this as $\neg p \vee \neg q$.
- How would we prove that $\neg(p \wedge q)$ and $\neg p \vee \neg q$ are equivalent?
- **Idea:** Build truth tables for both expressions and confirm that they always agree.

Negating AND

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

These two statements
are always the same!

Logical Equivalence

- If two propositional logic statements φ and ψ always have the same truth values as one another, they are called **logically equivalent**.
- We denote this by $\varphi \equiv \psi$
- \equiv is **not** a connective. Connectives are a part of logic statements; \equiv is something used to describe logic statements.
 - It is part of the **metalanguage** rather than the **language**.
- If $\varphi \equiv \psi$, we can modify any propositional logic formula containing φ by replacing it with ψ .
 - This is not true when we talk about first-order logic; we'll see why later.

De Morgan's Laws

- Using truth tables, we concluded that

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$$

- We can also use truth tables to show that

$$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

- These two equivalences are called **De Morgan's Laws**.

More Negations

- $p \rightarrow q$ if and only if $\neg(p \rightarrow q)$ is false.
- As mentioned earlier, this only happens if p is true and q is false.
- In propositional logic, this is $p \wedge \neg q$.
- Can we prove this?

Negating Implications

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$$\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$$

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If p is false, the whole thing is true and we gain no information. If p is true, then q has to be true for the whole expression to be true.

Another Idea

- We've just shown that $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$.
- Is it also true that $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \rightarrow \neg q$?
- Let's go check!

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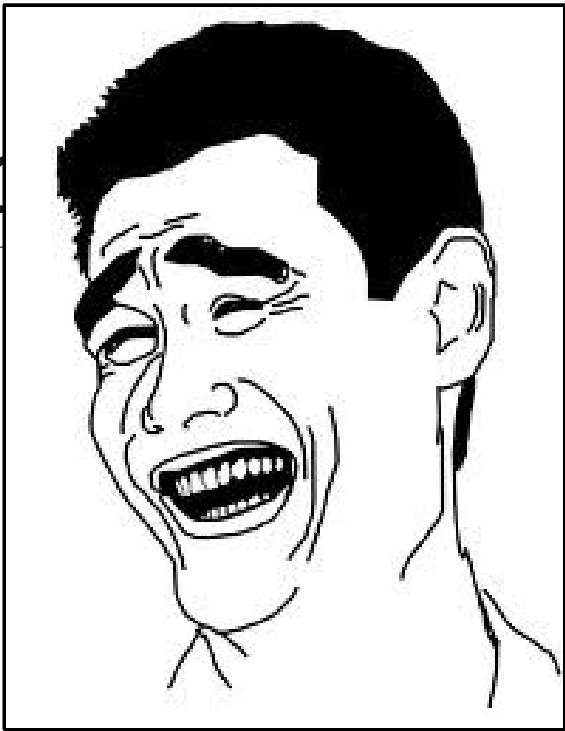
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These are not the same thing!

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These are not the same thing!

To prove that $p \rightarrow q$ is false, do **not** prove $p \rightarrow \neg q$.

Instead, prove that $p \wedge \neg q$ is true.