Summary of Lectures 17 and 18

Formal logic concerns *statements*.

A statement is either TRUE (1) or FALSE (0). Statements can be formed from \land (AND), \lor (OR) and \neg (NOT). We stated the distributive laws:

$$p \lor (q \land r) = (p \lor q) \land (p \lor r) \qquad \qquad p \land (q \lor r) = (p \land q) \lor (p \land r)$$

and Demorgan's laws:

$$\neg (p \lor q) = (\neg p) \land (\neg q) \qquad \neg (p \land q) = (\neg p) \lor (\neg q)$$

We discussed logical implication: $p \Rightarrow q$, IF p THEN q, or p IMPLIES q.

$$(p \Rightarrow q) = (q \lor \neg p)$$

IMPORTANT: We showed the double implication method for showing $p \Leftrightarrow q$ by showing separately that $p \Rightarrow q$ and $q \Rightarrow p$

Exercises for Lectures 17 and 18

1. Suppose p is TRUE and q is FALSE, and r is a statement. Label each of the following as true or false, or undecidable:

$$\begin{array}{c} (p \land q \land r) \\ (p \lor q \lor r) \\ p \land \neg (q \lor \neg q). \\ p \land (p \lor q) \land (p \lor q \lor r). \\ p \lor (p \land q) \lor (p \land q \land r). \\ p \lor \neg ((p \land q) \lor \neg (p \land q \land r)). \end{array}$$

- 2. Suppose $p \land (q \lor (p \land q))$ is TRUE. What can you conclude about the truth of p and q?
- 3. Use the double implication method to show that

$$p \lor (q \land r) \iff (p \lor q) \land (p \lor r).$$

4. Use the double implication method to show that

$$p \land (q \lor r) \iff (p \land q) \lor (p \land r).$$

5. Use the double implication method to show that

$$\neg (p \lor q) \iff (\neg p \land \neg q).$$

6. Use the double implication method to show that

$$\neg (p \land q) \iff (\neg p \lor \neg q).$$

- 7. Show that $[(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow r] \Longrightarrow [p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow r)].$
- 8. Show that $[(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow r] \Longrightarrow [p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow r)].$
- 9. Just for fun. Show that $[(p \land \neg r) \lor (q \land \neg p) \lor (r \land \neg q)] \iff [(p \land \neg q) \lor (q \land \neg r) \lor (r \land \neg p)].$

[Hint: You can use the double implication method, or you can use the distributive law to show that both are equivalent to $(p \lor q \lor r) \land (\neg p \lor \neg q \lor \neg r)$, that is, at least one is true, and at least one is false.]