

## MATH 6 TRUTH TABLES AND MORE LOGIC OPERATORS

### Basic logic operations:

- NOT A: true if A is false, false if A is true
- A AND B: true if both A and B are true, false otherwise
- A OR B: true if at least one of A and B is true, false otherwise
- A XOR B: true if exactly one of A and B is true, false otherwise
- A NAND B = NOT (A AND B): false if both A and B are true, true otherwise

### Operation $\Rightarrow$ (reads “implies” , or “if A then B). Here are some of the more important rules:

- $A \Rightarrow B$  and  $B \Rightarrow A$  are not equivalent: it is possible that one statement is true and the other is false.

### Logic gates and computer chips

Computer chips are using logical operations: each of the inputs and outputs can have voltage 0 or some positive voltage. The usual convention is

- Positive voltage (1) = true
- Zero voltage (0) = false

1. A certain convention numbered 100 politicians. Each politician was either crooked or honest. We are given the following two facts:

*At least one of the politicians was honest. Given any two of the politicians, at least one of the two was crooked.*

Can it be determined from these two facts how many of the politicians were honest and how many of them were crooked?

2. A particular musical elephant enjoys dancing, but only if it is wearing purple. Observing this elephant, I take the following notes:

*D = the elephant is dancing*

*P = the elephant is wearing purple*

*The elephant dances only when wearing purple. It sometimes naps, no matter the color it is wearing.*

From this, conclude whether the following statements are true or false:

(a)  $D \Rightarrow P$

(b)  $P \Rightarrow D$

3. You probably know Lewis Carroll as the author of *Alice in Wonderland* and other books.

What you might not know is that he was also a mathematician very much interested in logic, and had invented a number of logic puzzles. Here is one of them. You are given 3 statements.

(a) *All babies are illogical.*

(b) *Nobody is despised who can manage a crocodile.*

(c) *Illogical persons are despised.*

Can you guess what would be the natural conclusion from these 3 statements?

4. Consider the circuit below: there are two NAND chips, and output of each one is connected to the input of the other. If inputs A, B are both true (i.e., carry positive voltage), what will be the values of X, Y?

