

## Example of a Proof Using Logical Equivalences

Use Logical Equivalences to prove that  $[(p \wedge \neg(\neg p \vee q)) \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow p$  is a tautology.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} [(p \wedge \neg(\neg p \vee q)) \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow p &\equiv [(p \wedge (\neg(\neg p) \wedge \neg q)) \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow p && \text{De Morgan's law} \\ &\equiv [(p \wedge (p \wedge \neg q)) \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow p && \text{Double Negation law} \\ &\equiv [((p \wedge p) \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow p && \text{Associative law} \\ &\equiv [(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow p && \text{Idempotent law} \\ &\equiv [p \wedge (\neg q \vee q)] \rightarrow p && \text{Distributive law} \\ &\equiv [p \wedge (q \vee \neg q)] \rightarrow p && \text{Commutative law} \\ &\equiv [p \wedge \mathbf{T}] \rightarrow p && \text{Negation law} \\ &\equiv p \rightarrow p && \text{Identity law} \\ &\equiv \neg p \vee p && \text{Equivalence of Implication} \\ &\equiv p \vee \neg p && \text{Commutative law} \\ &\equiv \mathbf{T} && \text{Negation law} \end{aligned}$$