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is equivalent to

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since \cdot has a **higher precedence** than $+$.

Connectives and Their Precedences

Connective	Name	Precedence
\top	verum	
\perp	falsum	
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Then, under this mapping the expression has the value **1**. In other words, when we **interpret** variables as values, we can compute the value of any expression built using these variables.

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Given an interpretation I , extend I to a mapping from all formulas to truth values as follows.

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3. $I(A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n) = 1$ if and only if $I(A_i) = 1$ for some i .
4. $I(\neg A) = 1$ if and only if $I(A) = 0$.
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Examples: Equivalences

For all formulas A and B , the following equivalences hold.

$$A \rightarrow \perp \equiv \neg A; \quad (1)$$

$$\top \rightarrow A \equiv A; \quad (2)$$

$$A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg(A \wedge \neg B); \quad (3)$$

$$A \wedge B \equiv \neg(\neg A \vee \neg B); \quad (4)$$

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in the interpretation

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This simplification process can be formalised as a **rewrite rule system**:

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