Propositional Logic - Basics

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$I : \{P \rightarrow \textbf{true}, Q \rightarrow \textbf{false}, \ldots\}$.

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T	**T**	**T**
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Semantics of Disjunction

A	B	$A \vee B$
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