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**Proposed solution:**  $s \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (r \wedge p)$ .

An alternative solution was  $[(p \vee q) \wedge r] \vee (p \wedge q)$ . How to verify it?

It suffices to check if  $[(p \vee q) \wedge r] \equiv (q \wedge r) \vee (r \wedge p)$ .

**But this is true!** It follows from the 2nd distributive law (and the commutativity law).

# Comparing solutions

## **Straitforward:**

$$(p \wedge q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge q \wedge \neg r) \vee (p \wedge \neg q \wedge r) \vee (\neg p \wedge q \wedge r)$$

Pairs of parenthesis: 4

Logic Connectors: 10 AND/OR + 3 INVERTERS

## **'Symmetric':** $(p \wedge q) \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (r \wedge p)$

Pairs of parenthesis: 3

Logic Connectors: 5 AND/OR

## **Alternative:** $[(p \vee q) \wedge r] \vee (p \wedge q)$

Pairs of parenthesis: 3

Logic Connectors: 4 AND/OR

Choose answer according to what is 'cheaper/faster' in problem.

## Circuit for the light with 2 switchers

$s_1$	$s_2$	Light
off	off	off
off	on	on
on	off	on
on	on	off

**Some solutions:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (s_1 \wedge \neg s_2) \vee (\neg s_1 \wedge s_2) \\ \equiv & \neg(s_1 \leftrightarrow s_2) \\ \equiv & \neg[(s_1 \wedge s_2) \vee (\neg s_1 \wedge \neg s_2)] \end{aligned}$$