



Norwegian University of Science  
and Technology  
Department of Mathematics

MA0301 Elementary  
discrete mathematics  
Spring 2018

**Exercise 2**

## Section 2.2

- 19 Provide the steps and reasons, as in Exercise 18, to establish the following logical equivalences

c)  $[(\neg p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q \wedge r)] \Leftrightarrow p \wedge q$

- 20 Simplify each of the networks shown in figure 1.

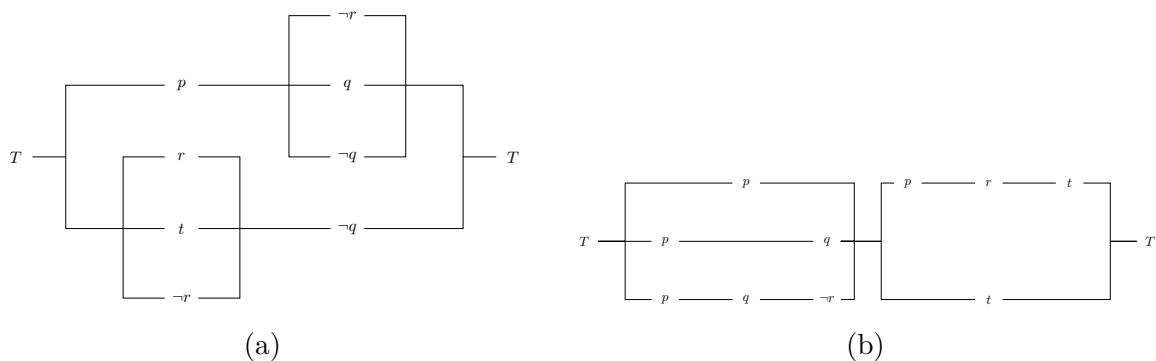


Figure 1

## Section 2.3

- 2 Use truth tables to verify that each of the following is a logical implication

b)  $[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q] \rightarrow \neg p$

d)  $[(p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)] \rightarrow [(p \vee q) \rightarrow r]$

- 8 Give the reasons for the steps verifying the following argument.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 (\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow r \\
 r \rightarrow (s \vee t) \\
 \neg s \wedge \neg u \\
 \neg u \rightarrow \neg t \\
 \hline
 \therefore p
 \end{array}$$

Steps	Reasons
1) $\neg s \wedge \neg u$	
2) $\neg u$	
3) $\neg u \rightarrow \neg t$	
4) $\neg t$	
5) $\neg s$	
6) $\neg s \wedge \neg t$	
7) $r \rightarrow (s \vee t)$	
8) $\neg(s \vee t) \rightarrow \neg r$	
9) $(\neg s \wedge \neg t) \rightarrow \neg r$	
10) $\neg r$	
11) $(\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow r$	
12) $\neg r \rightarrow \neg(\neg p \vee q)$	
13) $\neg r \rightarrow (p \wedge \neg q)$	
14) $p \wedge \neg q$	
15) $\therefore p$	

## Section 2.4

- 8 Let  $p(x)$ ,  $q(x)$ , and  $r(x)$  denote the following open statements.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 p(x): & x^2 - 8x + 15 = 0 \\
 q(x): & x \text{ is odd} \\
 r(x): & x > 0
 \end{array}$$

For the universe of all integers, determine the truth or falsity of each of the following statements. If a statement is false, give a counterexample.

- e)  $\exists x [p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$
- f)  $\forall x [\neg q(x) \rightarrow \neg p(x)]$
- g)  $\exists x [p(x) \rightarrow (q(x) \wedge r(x))]$
- h)  $\forall x [(p(x) \vee q(x)) \rightarrow r(x)]$

- 12** a) Let  $p(x, y)$  denote the open statement “ $x$  divides  $y$ ”, where the universe for each of the variables  $x, y$  comprises all integers. Determine the truth value of each of the following statements; if a quantified statement is false, provide an explanation or a counterexample.

iii)  $\forall y \, p(1, y)$

iv)  $\forall x \, p(x, 0)$

vi)  $\forall y \, \exists x \, p(x, y)$

vii)  $\exists y \, \forall x \, p(x, y)$

viii)  $\forall x \, \forall y \, [(p(x, y) \wedge p(y, x)) \rightarrow (x = y)]$

- c) Let  $p(x, y)$  denote the open statement “ $x$  divides  $y$ ”, as before, but let the universe now be comprised of the *positive* integers  $x, y$ . Determine the truth value of each of the following statements. If the statement is false, provide an explanation or a counterexample.

i)  $\forall x \, \exists y \, p(x, y)$

ii)  $\forall y \, \exists x \, p(x, y)$

iii)  $\exists x \, \forall y \, p(x, y)$

iv)  $\exists y \, \forall x \, p(x, y)$