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Problem Sheet 1

1. Construct the truth tables of the following formulas.

(a) $(Q \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)) \rightarrow P$

(b) $\neg(P \vee (Q \wedge R)) \Leftrightarrow ((P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R))$

2. Given the truth values of P and Q as T and those of R and S as F , find the truth values of the following:

(a) $(\neg(P \wedge Q) \vee \neg R) \vee ((Q \Leftrightarrow \neg P) \rightarrow (R \vee \neg S))$

(b) $(P \Leftrightarrow R) \wedge (\neg Q \rightarrow S)$

(c) $(P \vee (Q \rightarrow (R \wedge \neg P))) \Leftrightarrow (Q \vee \neg S)$

3. From the formulas given below, select those which are well-formed and indicate which ones are tautologies or contradictions.

(a) $(P \rightarrow (P \vee Q))$

(b) $((P \rightarrow (\neg P)) \rightarrow \neg P)$

(c) $((\neg Q \wedge P) \wedge Q)$

(d) $((P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow ((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R)))$

(e) $((\neg P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P))$

(f) $((P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow P)$

4. Show the following implications without constructing the truth tables.

(a) $P \rightarrow Q \implies P \rightarrow (P \wedge Q)$

(b) $(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow Q \implies P \vee Q$

(c) $((P \vee \neg P) \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow ((P \vee \neg P) \rightarrow R) \implies (Q \rightarrow R)$

(d) $(Q \rightarrow (P \wedge \neg P)) \rightarrow (R \rightarrow (P \wedge \neg P)) \implies (R \rightarrow Q)$

5. Obtain the product-of-sums canonical forms of the following formulas.

(a) $(P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (\neg P \wedge R \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R)$

(b) $(\neg S \wedge \neg P \wedge R \wedge Q) \vee (S \wedge P \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg S \wedge P \wedge R \wedge \neg Q) \vee (Q \wedge \neg P \wedge \neg R \wedge S) \vee (P \wedge \neg S \wedge \neg R \wedge Q)$

(c) $(P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)$

$$(d) (P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q \wedge R)$$

6. Obtain the principal disjunctive and conjunctive normal forms of the following formulas.

$$(a) (\neg P \vee \neg Q) \rightarrow (P \leftrightarrow \neg Q)$$

$$(b) Q \wedge (P \vee \neg Q)$$

$$(c) P \vee (\neg P \rightarrow (Q \vee (\neg Q \rightarrow R)))$$

$$(d) (P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)) \wedge (\neg P \rightarrow (\neg Q \wedge \neg R))$$

$$(e) P \rightarrow (P \wedge (Q \rightarrow P))$$

$$(f) (Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (\neg P \wedge Q)$$

Which of the above formulas are tautologies?

7. Show that the conclusion C follows from the premises $H_1, H_2 \dots$ in the following cases.

$$(a) H_1 : \neg P \vee Q \quad H_2 : \neg(Q \wedge \neg R) \quad H_3 : \neg R \quad C : \neg P$$

$$(b) H_1 : P \rightarrow Q \quad H_2 : Q \rightarrow R \quad C : P \rightarrow R$$

8. Determine whether the conclusion C is valid in the following, when H_1, H_2, \dots are the premises.

$$(a) H_1 : P \vee Q \quad H_2 : P \rightarrow R \quad H_3 : Q \rightarrow R \quad C : R$$

$$(b) H_1 : P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \quad H_2 : P \wedge Q \quad C : R$$

9. Without constructing a truth table, show that $A \wedge E$ is not a valid consequence of

$$A \leftrightarrow B \quad B \leftrightarrow (C \wedge D) \quad C \leftrightarrow (A \vee E) \quad A \vee E$$

Also show that $A \vee C$ is not a valid consequence of

$$A \leftrightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \quad B \leftrightarrow (\neg A \vee \neg C) \quad C \leftrightarrow (A \vee \neg B) \quad B$$

10. Show the validity of the following arguments, for which the premises are given on the left and the conclusion on the right.

$$(a) (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (A \rightarrow C), \neg(B \wedge C), D \vee A \quad D$$

$$(b) \neg J \rightarrow (M \vee N), (H \vee G) \rightarrow \neg J, H \vee G \quad M \vee N$$

$$(c) B \wedge C, (B \leftrightarrow C) \rightarrow (H \vee G) \quad G \vee H$$

11. Derive the following, using contrapositive, if necessary.

$$(a) \neg P \vee Q, \neg Q \vee R, R \rightarrow S \implies P \rightarrow S$$

$$(b) P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R), Q \rightarrow (R \rightarrow S) \implies P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow S)$$

12. Show the following (use indirect method if needed).

- (a) $(R \rightarrow \neg Q), R \vee S, S \rightarrow \neg Q, P \rightarrow Q \implies \neg P$
- (b) $S \rightarrow \neg Q, S \vee R, \neg R, \neg R \leftrightarrow Q \implies \neg P$
- (c) $\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow \neg(R \vee S), ((Q \rightarrow P) \vee \neg R), R \implies P \leftrightarrow Q$
13. Which of the following are statements?
- (a) $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \wedge R$
- (b) $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \wedge (\exists x) S(x)$
- (c) $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \wedge S(x)$
14. Show that $\exists z (Q(z) \wedge R(z))$ is not implied by the formulas $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ and $\exists y (P(y) \wedge R(y))$, by assuming a universe of discourse which has two elements.
15. Explain why the following steps in the derivations are not correct.
- (a) $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow Q(x) \implies P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$
- (b) $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow Q(x) \implies P(y) \rightarrow Q(x)$
- (c) $\forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \implies P(a) \vee Q(b)$
- (d) $\forall x (P(x) \vee \exists x (Q(x) \wedge R(x))) \implies P(a) \vee \exists x (Q(x) \wedge R(a))$
16. Demonstrate the following implications.
- (a) $\neg(\exists x P(x) \wedge Q(a)) \implies \exists x P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(a)$
- (b) $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)), \forall x (Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)) \implies P(x) \rightarrow R(x)$
17. Are the following conclusions validly derivable from the premises given?
- (a) $\forall x ((P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)), \exists y P(y) \quad C: \exists z Q(z)$
- (b) $\exists x P(x), \exists x Q(x) \quad C: \exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$
18. Using contrapositive or otherwise, show the following implication.
- $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)), \forall x (R(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)) \implies \forall x (R(x) \rightarrow \neg P(x))$
19. Construct the derivation of the following equivalence.
- $P \rightarrow \exists x Q(x) \iff \exists x (P \rightarrow Q(x))$
20. Show the following by constructing derivation.
- $\exists x P(x) \rightarrow \forall x ((P(x) \vee Q(x)) \rightarrow R(x)), \exists x P(x),$
 $\exists x Q(x) \implies \exists x \exists y (R(x) \wedge R(y))$