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CST 329: Reasoning with Logic
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Work on the practice problems must be typed and submitted in pdf format only. Any other formats will not be accepted. Make your own copy (File > Make a copy) of the document. Edit your copy of the documents with your answers. Then, download a copy of your word doc as a PDF (File > Download > PDF) and submit it through the Canvas submission page.

Note: When asked to write proof, create the problems on proof-checker.org and paste the screenshots of your successful proofs in this document for your submission.

Consider working with others when needed on the following problems:

Lab: Logically true FOL sentences and invalid arguments

1. Is the following sentence of FOL logically true? Prove it.

$$(\forall x Fx) \rightarrow (\exists x Fx)$$

Hint: Can you prove that the sentence is a theorem? If it is a theorem, then is it logically true?

Check Your Proof:

Proof:

Construct a proof for the argument: $Ax Fx \therefore \exists x Fx$

1	$\forall x Fx$	
2	Fa	1 Universal instantiation
3	$\exists x Fx$	2 Existential generalization

new line

new subproof

👍 Congratulations! This proof is correct.

check proof

start over

Clear & Start a new Proof

2. Show that the following argument is invalid using the method described in lecture:

$$\frac{\forall x Fxx}{\forall x \forall y Fxy}$$

Hint: start by picking a numeric domain. Then decide on the meaning of F and G. Then decide on the meaning of a and b.

Domain: {0,1,2...}

Fxy: x is equal to y

a: 3

b: 4

3. Show that the following argument is invalid using the method described in lecture:

$$\frac{\forall x (Fx \rightarrow Gx), \neg Ga}{\neg Fb}$$

Domain: {0,1,2,...}

Fx: x > 100

Gx: x > 50

a: 10

b: 1000

4. If you have time, show that the following argument is invalid using the method described in lecture:

$$\frac{\forall x (Fx \vee Gx), \neg Fa}{Gb}$$

Domain: $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

Fx: x is 2

Gx: x is 7

a: 3

b: 4

Lab: Relations, functions, identity, and multiple quantifiers

1. Write a FOL formula to express that predicate F (with arity 2) is reflexive.

Fxx

2. Write a FOL formula to express that predicate F (with arity 2) is transitive.

Fxy and Fyz then Fxz

3. Prove the theorem we proved in class on your own.

$$\forall x \forall y (x = y \rightarrow y = x)$$

Check Your Proof:


Proof:

Construct a proof for the argument: $\therefore \forall x \forall y (x = y \rightarrow y = x)$

1	$a = b$	
2	$a = a$	Identity introduction
3	$b = a$	1, 2 Substitution of identicals
4	$a = b \rightarrow b = a$	1-3 Conditional derivation
5	$\forall y (a = y \rightarrow y = a)$	4 Universal derivation
6	$\forall x \forall y (x = y \rightarrow y = x)$	5 Universal derivation

 new line

 new subproof

 Congratulations! This proof is correct.

 check proof

 start over

 Clear & Start a new Proof

4. Prove this theorem (no premises) using the proof checker:

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z ((x = y \wedge y = z) \rightarrow x = z)$$


The proof is not too different from the previous problem.


Check Your Proof:


Proof:

Construct a proof for the argument: $\therefore \forall x \forall y \forall z [(x = y \wedge y = z) \rightarrow x = z]$

1	$a = b \wedge b = c$	
2	$a = b$	1 Simplification
3	$a = a$	Identity introduction
4	$b = a$	2, 3 Substitution of identicals
5	$b = c$	1 Simplification
6	$b = b$	Identity introduction
7	$c = b$	5, 6 Substitution of identicals
8	$c = c$	Identity introduction
9	$b = c$	7, 8 Substitution of identicals
10	$c = a$	4, 9 Substitution of identicals
11	$a = c$	8, 10 Substitution of identicals
12	$[(a = b \wedge b = c) \rightarrow a = c]$	1–11 Conditional derivation
13	$\forall z [(a = b \wedge b = z) \rightarrow a = z]$	12 Universal derivation
14	$\forall y \forall z [(a = y \wedge y = z) \rightarrow a = z]$	13 Universal derivation
15	$\forall x \forall y \forall z [(x = y \wedge y = z) \rightarrow x = z]$	14 Universal derivation

 new line

 new subproof

 Congratulations! This proof is correct.

[check proof](#)

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5. Translate "there are no more than two apples" to logic. Use the translation key "Fx x is an apple".

$\text{Ex}(\text{Fx} \wedge \text{Fx} \wedge \sim(x=x))$

6. Translate "there are exactly two apples" to logic. Use the translation key "Fx x is an apple".

$\text{Ex}(\text{Fx} \wedge \text{Ax}(\text{Fx} \rightarrow (x=x)))$