COMPSCI 367 Tutorial Week 7

Logic is going to be the main topic of the course in the next 2 weeks. In this tutorial our goal is to review the basics of propositional logic. First review the following concepts about propositional logic:

- (Syntax of propositional logic) The <u>syntax</u> of propositional logic defines the rules for constructing valid <u>propositions</u>. More specifically, a proposition is defined inductively as follows:
 - An atomic proposition (also known as propositional variable), denoted as A, B, C, etc, is a proposition;
 - Propositional logic uses several logical connectives to combine propositions and create compound propositions: Given two propositions p, q, then the following are also propositions:
 - $* (\neg p)$
 - $* (p \lor q)$
 - $* (p \wedge q)$
 - $* (p \rightarrow q)$
 - $* (q \leftarrow p)$
 - $* (p \leftrightarrow q)$

When the context is clear we sometimes omit the parenthesis.

- (Semantics of propositional logic)
 - Truth values (i.e., true and false) represent the possible states of a proposition.
 Atomic propositions are assigned one of these truth values to indicate whether they are true or false in a given interpretation.
 - An interpretation in propositional logic is a mapping that assigns truth values (T or F) to each atomic proposition. Given a set of atomic propositions $\{p, q, r, \ldots\}$, an interpretation I is a function $I: \{p, q, r, \ldots\} \to \{T, F\}$ that maps each atomic proposition to either T or F.
 - Truth tables are used to specify the truth values of compound propositions (based on their constituent atomic propositions' truth values.

A	B	$\neg A$	$A \wedge B$	$A\vee B$	$A \leftarrow B$	$A \to B$	$A \leftrightarrow B$
true	true	false	true	true	true	true	true
true	false	false	false	${ m true}$	true	false	false
false	true	true	false	${ m true}$	false	true	false
false	false	true	false	false	true	true	true

Now answer the following questions. If a question asks you to translate a sentence into propositional logic. Make sure you define the atomic propositions first.

- 1. (Basic Propositions) Translate the following sentences into propositional logic:
 - (a) The sun is shining, and it's a warm day.
 - (b) Either Alice will go to the concert, or Bob will go, but not both.
- 2. (Conditional Statements) Convert the following conditional statements into propositional logic:
 - (a) If you study hard, you will pass the exam.
 - (b) Whenever it snows, the roads become slippery.
- **3.** (Negations and Conjunctions) Translate the following sentences, which involve negations and conjunctions, into propositional logic:
 - (a) It is not raining, but it is windy.
 - (b) Neither Sarah nor John will attend the party.
- **4.** (Biconditionals) Convert the following sentences, which involve biconditional relationships, into propositional logic:
 - (a) You can enter the room if and only if you have the access card.
 - (b) A triangle is equilateral if and only if all its sides are of equal length.
- **5.** (Complex Sentences) Translate the following more complex sentences into propositional logic, combining various logical operators:
 - (a) If it's not Monday or Tuesday and the weather is good, then we will have a picnic.
 - (b) You can borrow the book if and only if it's available, and you return it on time.
- **6.** Write down the truth table of the following: $(((r \land (p \leftrightarrow q)) \rightarrow (p \lor q)) \rightarrow (p \land r)).$
- 7. Examine the following sentences and determine if they are logically equivalent. Provide a truth table to support your answer if necessary.
 - Sentence A: "If it's raining, then I'll stay home." Sentence B: "I'll stay home only if it's raining."
 - Sentence X: "All humans are mortal." Sentence Y: "No mortal beings are non-human."
 - Sentence P: "I will attend the conference or the workshop."
 Sentence Q: "I won't miss both the conference and the workshop."
 - Sentence M: "If the store is open, then I'll buy groceries." Sentence N: "I'll buy groceries unless the store is closed."