

# Mathematical Logic HW5

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1. (b) Prove  $((P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C) \rightarrow \perp) \leftrightarrow ((P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \rightarrow C)$

1.	$(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C) \rightarrow \perp$	assumption
2.	$\neg(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C) \vee \perp$	1, material implication
3.	$\neg \perp$	axiom
4.	$\neg(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C)$	2, 3, disjunctive syllogism
5.	$\neg(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \vee C$	4, negation of conjunction
6.	$(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \rightarrow C$	5, material implication
7.	$((P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C) \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow ((P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \rightarrow C)$	1-6, deduction theorem
8.	$(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \rightarrow C$	assumption
9.	$\neg(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \vee C$	8, material implication
10.	$\neg(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C)$	9, negation of conjunction
11.	$\neg(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C) \vee \perp$	10, disjunction introduction
12.	$(P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C) \rightarrow \perp$	11, material implication
13.	$((P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow ((P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C) \rightarrow \perp)$	8-12, deduction theorem
14.	$((P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \wedge \neg C) \rightarrow \perp) \leftrightarrow ((P_1 \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \rightarrow C)$	7, 13, biconditional introduction

2. (b) Define the following two premises.

$a$  = Bacon wrote plays which were attributed to Shakespeare

$b$  = Bacon was a great writer

We want to claim the following.

$a \rightarrow b$

$b$

$\overline{\quad}$

$\therefore a$

By the deduction theorem, however, the claim can be true if and only if  $\vdash (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a)$ . However, this is not a tautology, as shown in the truth table below.

$a$	$b$	$(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a)$
$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$T$

3. (a) We must prove that the following premises are inconsistent.

1.  $\neg(A \rightarrow B)$  premise
2.  $\neg(B \rightarrow C)$  premise
3.  $\neg(\neg A \vee B)$  1, material implication
4.  $\neg(\neg B \vee C)$  2, material implication
5.  $A \wedge \neg B$  3, negation of disjunction
6.  $B \wedge \neg C$  4, negation of disjunction
7.  $\neg B$  5, conjunction elimination
8.  $B$  6, conjunction elimination
9.  $\perp$  7, 8, contradiction introduction

(b) We must prove that the following premises are inconsistent.

1.  $A$  premise
2.  $B \rightarrow \neg(C \wedge A)$  premise
3.  $\neg(C \rightarrow \neg B)$  premise
4.  $\neg(\neg C \vee \neg B)$  3, material implication
5.  $C \wedge B$  4, negation of disjunction
6.  $B$  5, conjunction elimination
7.  $\neg(C \wedge A)$  2, 6, modus ponens
8.  $\neg C \vee \neg A$  7, negation of conjunction
9.  $C$  5, conjunction elimination
10.  $\neg A$  8, 9, disjunctive syllogism
11.  $\perp$  1, 10, contradiction introduction

(d) We must prove that the following premises are inconsistent.

1.  $A \leftrightarrow B$  premise
2.  $A \rightarrow C$  premise
3.  $\neg(B \rightarrow C)$  premise
4.  $B \rightarrow A$  1, biconditional elimination
5.  $B \rightarrow C$  2, 4, hypothetical syllogism
6.  $\perp$  3, 5, contradiction introduction

4. Define the following atomic propositions.

$a$  = Moses is a hero.

$b$  = Moses is happy with what he has.

$c$  = Moses shows weakness.

$d$  = Moses conquers his desires.

We must show that the following propositions are inconsistent.

1.  $a \rightarrow b$  premise
2.  $c \rightarrow \neg b$  premise
3.  $\neg a \rightarrow \neg d$  premise
4.  $d \wedge c$  premise
5.  $c$  4, conjunction elimination
6.  $\neg b$  2, 5, modus ponens
7.  $\neg a$  1, 6, modus tollens
8.  $\neg d$  3, 7, modus ponens
9.  $d$  4, conjunction elimination
10.  $\perp$  8, 9, contradiction elimination

5. (b)  $\Gamma \not\vdash C$  does not necessarily imply that  $\Gamma \vdash \neg C$ . We will prove this by a counterexample. Let  $\Gamma = \phi$ . We know that  $\phi \not\vdash C$ , because  $C$  is a proposition, which could be true or false, since we have no premises. However, in this case we also know that  $\phi \not\vdash \neg C$ , for the same reason.
6. (b) It is claimed that there exists a set  $\Gamma$ , such that for any proposition  $C$ ,  $\Gamma \vdash C$  and  $\Gamma \vdash \neg C$ . This claim is true, because for any set of premises which is inconsistent, any conclusion can be derived from that set. For example, the set of premises  $\Gamma = \{A, \neg A\}$ ,  $\Gamma \vdash C$ , and  $\Gamma \vdash \neg C$ .